

NEWS

Library celebrates 10-year anniversary

The Devereaux Memorial Library will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on March 15 with an all-day open house and evening event.

The Crawford County Library has come a long way through the years, once housed in the Grayling residence of Ella Funck on Michigan Avenue, later moving to a newly built location on James Street to serve the county's population of about 5,000 in 1961, and finally settling in the much larger facility known today as the Devereaux Memorial Library on Plum Street, designed to replace the previous 40 year old building and accommodate a nearly tripled population. **Page 7**

SPORTS

Vikings pull away in 2nd, 3rd quarters, win 52-34



Grayling won 52-34. The game – a varsity girls basketball District 63-B tournament semifinal contest played at Grayling High School on Wednesday night – was close at the end of the first quarter, but the Vikings pulled away in the second and third quarters, outscoring their opponent, the Roscommon Bucks, 27-10 in the middle two periods.

"We played a very solid game for four quarters. I was very happy with the girls because they played a very complete game. Our pressure defense caused a lot of problems for Roscommon as they had trouble getting into any kind of rhythm. It also affected their shooting percentage greatly," Coach Joe Powers said. **Page 10**

Wrestler places 5th at state finals

One Grayling High School wrestler – Brandon Handrich, a junior – placed at the state finals last week.

Three Vikings qualified for the Michigan Athletic Association's Division 3 Individual Wrestling Finals: Handrich (152), Ryan Randall (215), and Jeff Myers (189). The Palace of Auburn Hills hosted the tournament on March 1-3.

Handrich wrestled in six matches at the state finals, posting a 4-2 record. **Page 13**

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Snowstorm wallops northern Michigan, causing power outages

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Despite widespread power outages caused by a snowstorm that hammered the Crawford County area, just a couple of elderly people sought help at an American Red Cross emergency shelter established at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling.

Norma Nelson, a Red Cross volunteer from Mio, said emergency responders were bringing the residents, who have been without power and heat since Friday, to the shelter Tuesday morning.

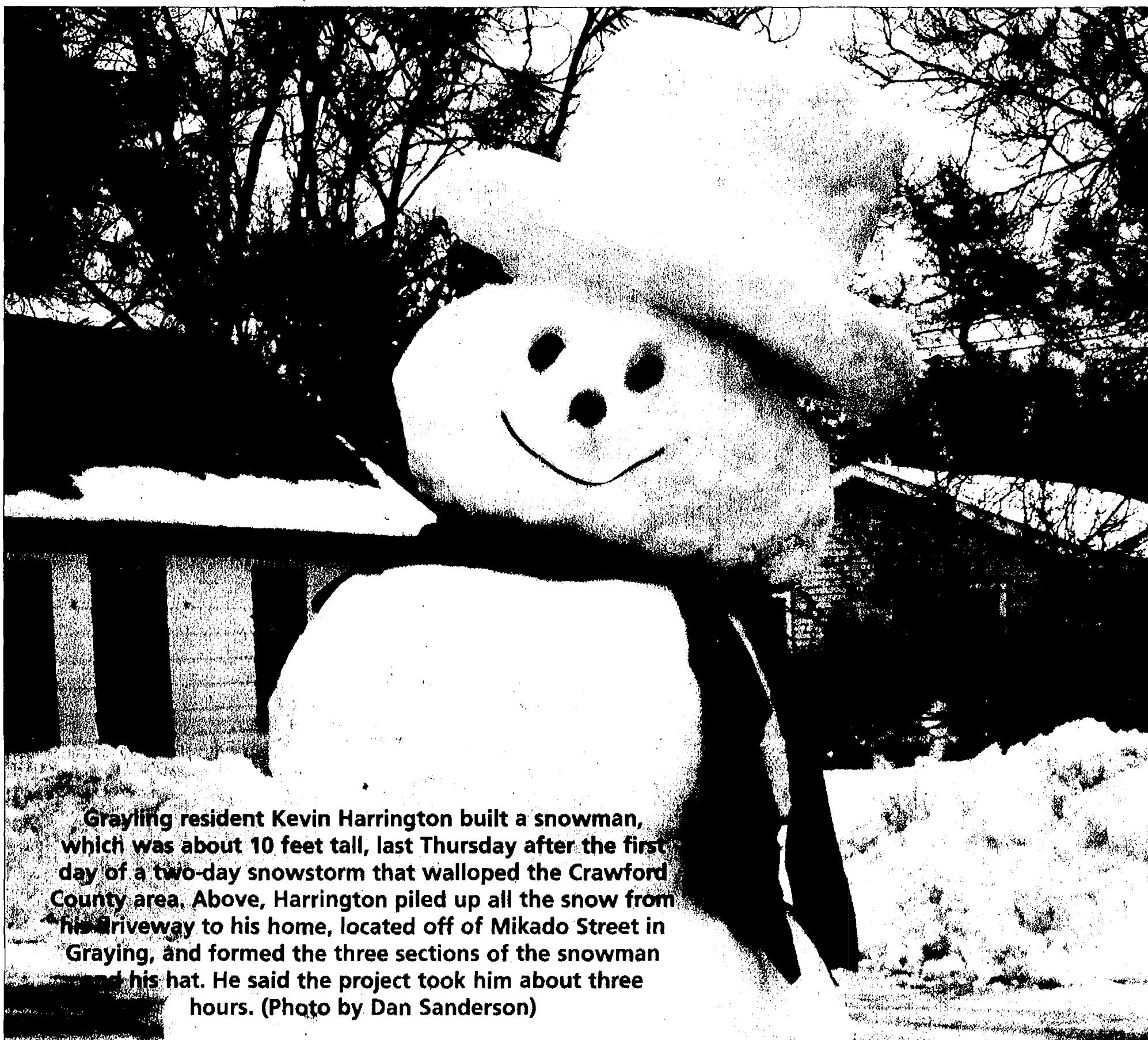
"They have to get plowed first before the fire department can get to them," said Nelson, who was awaiting the arrival of those seeking shelter.

A snowstorm walloped northern Michigan late Friday and heading into early Saturday. Crawford County received between eight to 10 inches of snow during the storm, said Brian Adam, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service Office located just south of Gaylord. "It was a pretty potent, spring

storm that traveled up through the Saginaw Bay and into Canada," Adam said.

Unlike lake effect snow, which comes from weather systems traveling across Lake Michigan, Adam said the storm impacted the entire northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula.

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Grayling resident Kevin Harrington built a snowman, which was about 10 feet tall, last Thursday after the first day of a two-day snowstorm that walloped the Crawford County area. Above, Harrington piled up all the snow from his driveway to his home, located off of Mikado Street in Grayling, and formed the three sections of the snowman and his hat. He said the project took him about three hours. (Photo by Dan Sanderson)

Daughter and mother shed long locks for Wigs 4 Kids

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

While some people keep an extra layer of insulation in the form of longer hair during the winter months, a daughter-led-mother tandem gave up swaths of hair last weekend for the comfort of children.

Olivia Silk, the daughter of Miranda and Rodney Silk, decided to have her long hair cut at Salon Rue on Friday for a donation to Wigs 4 Kids.

Wigs 4 Kids, a non-profit organization founded in 2005 in St. Clair Shores, reaches out to kids and young adults with hair loss. This program is available to any child or teen through age 18 in Michigan.

Wigs 4 Kids' main focus is on cancer patients, but also covers youngsters with similar appearance related challenges that cause hair loss such as alopecia, trichotillomania, lupus, hydrocephalus, burns and other disorders.

Silk, age 6, a first grader at the AuSable Primary School, got the initial idea to help support children through her involvement in Hoops for Heart. The national program for students is coordinated by AuSable Primary School physical education teacher Scott Baker. Hoops for Hearts generates money for the American Heart Association through funds students raise by shooting basketballs through the hoop.

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Olivia Silk, the daughter of Miranda and Rodney Silk, decided to have her long hair cut at Salon Rue on Friday for a donation to Wigs 4 Kids. Left, Olivia is pictured with Miranda, who had her hair lopped off on Saturday.

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Daughter and mother shed long locks for Wigs 4 Kids

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"With Hoops for Heart and talking about sick kids and trying to raise money for them, she came up with the idea that her hair was long enough and it was time to cut it off," Miranda said.

Salon Rue hair stylist Wendy Seabolt lopped off about 10 inches of Olivia's hair after it was braided into a ponytail. She then gave Olivia a new style, which was generated by using a computer program.

"O' my gosh. You don't look like a little girl anymore," Seabolt said, as she was finishing up the hair-do. "Sassy. Does that match your personality?"

Seabolt said she has cut hair for several hair donation projects such as Wigs 4 Kids and Locks for Love.

"It's inspiring to see a little kid do something like that and it's so cute," she said. "She's a good example and it's always nice to help out in situations like that. It's very sweet."

Olivia said she wanted to help out a fellow youngster experiencing difficulty.

"I wanted to donate it to kids," she said.

Olivia was impressed with her new look, which she will be able to style on her own.

"I like it because it's short and makes me look pretty," she said.

Miranda said it takes a dozen 10-inch ponytails to make a wig for a child.

Miranda estimated that she had 14 to 16 inches of her hair to donate on Saturday.

Olivia and Miranda donated their hair to Wigs 4 Kids to honor Aunt T.J.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Olivia Silk decided to have her long hair cut at Salon Rue on Friday for a donation to Wigs 4 Kids. Above, Olivia displays her 10-inch pony tail as Salon Rue hair stylist Wendy Seabolt works on her new look.

Garrett, who lives in Brighton, and is a two-year breast cancer survivor.

Another Aunt, Lori Ellis, who lives in Kansas, also inspired them when she had her head shaved three years ago.

Olivia has been growing her hair out since then and this is only her third haircut.

"It will make some kid happy, and when I cut my hair off, hopefully some kid

will be happy as well," Miranda said. "I'm very proud of her."

The goal at Wigs 4 Kids is to provide a wig to every child or young adult in Michigan who is in need of the organization's services as funding permits. Having an understanding of their emotions and feelings, Wigs 4 Kids strives to provide an environment where a child can feel at ease. Each child

learns important practical skills to help them through difficult times.

Since moving into its new Wellness Center, Wigs 4 Kids has expanded programming to include educational and medical support services. The organization helps kids heal from the emotional, social and psychological side effects of hair loss in an affirming setting.

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Police investigate weekend suicide

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Police Department is investigating the death of a 26-year-old woman, who was struck by a vehicle on I-75, as a suicide.

Grayling City Manager/Police Chief Doug Baum said police continue to seek information about who may have hit and killed Grayling resident Rebecca Ashley Lane on Saturday, Feb. 18, between midnight and 1:30 a.m.

Lane was found in the southbound lanes of I-75 behind the Grayling Pines apartments after apparently walking onto the expressway, Baum said.

Lane appeared to have been struck by a motor vehicle, possibly a semi-truck, but the vehicle left the scene.

Based on information gathered during the investigation, the Grayling City Police are treating the incident as a suicide.

Police interviewed the driver of a semi truck, who said he saw something in the opposite lane, when he was traveling through the area. He contacted police after his wife, who was traveling with him, saw a news report about the death.

The driver told police that a Crawford County Road Commission plow truck was clearing the road just

ahead of his rig. The plow truck driver, who was the only road commission employee on duty, did not see the body in the other lane, Baum said.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies and the Michigan State Police assisted Grayling Police officers with the investigation.

If anyone has information regarding the vehicle involved, they are encouraged to call the Grayling Police Department at (989) 348-4621 or through the Crawford County Central Dispatch's non-emergency line at (989) 348-6341.



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Above, heavy, wet snow weighed down trees and power lines, adding difficulty to Great Lakes Energy's power restoration efforts in rural areas since late Friday.

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Benzie, Leelanau and Grand Traverse Counties were the hardest hit areas in the region, with 16 to 20 inches of snow, and had to declare a state of emergency due to snow clogged roads and downed trees and power lines.

"With this particular storm we were in the sweet spot for a heavy dumping of snow," Adam said.

Adam said the weather system was responsible for dozens of tornados that ravaged southern states and caused severe weather in southern Michigan.

"It was all associated with this storm," Adam said. "It's not atypical for this time of year."

About 30,000 Consumers Energy customers were left without power due to the storm that began late last week. Since Friday afternoon, more than 178,000 customers have been affected by weather related outages. Power was restored to Consumers Electric customers in Crawford County on Monday.

"We sincerely appreciate the patience of our cus-

tomers during this winter storm event as we work to restore electric service in a safe and timely manner," said Garrick Roschow, vice president of energy delivery for the utility. "The destructive nature of this storm has challenged our crews as we continue to restore and rebuild our facilities."

An estimated 14,867 Great Lakes Energy members remained without power late Monday after massive power line damage due to the storm that brought wet, heavy snow. Power was restored to an estimated 42,393 members since the storm hit Friday night.

As of Tuesday, 1,761 Great Lakes Energy customers in Crawford County remained without power.

"We have got every available lineman and tree crew that we can find focused on the restoration efforts," said Dave Guzniczak, spokesman for Great Lakes Energy. "They have been working as long as they can every day and they'll work until all power is restored."

The heavy snowfall has created situations where

trucks are getting stuck trying to access downed power lines, broken power poles and power lines impacted by fallen trees. Guzniczak added that some power lines have been run over by snowmobiles, causing them to ice up before they can be cleared and placed back into service.

"With that in mind, it's a very slow process," Guzniczak said.

Restoration efforts for Great Lakes Energy members may continue into Thursday.

"This has been a very unusual event that has caused a great amount of damage to our power line system," Guzniczak said.

Red Cross volunteers have set up shelters in Grayling, Cadillac and St. Helen. A shelter in Mio was closed.

Food, clothing and shelter are being provided, which is the main focus of the American Red Cross during an emergency.

Sue Huffman, a Red Cross volunteer from South Branch Township, and utility crews from Indiana were dealing with several broken

trees and power poles near her home.

"It just a mess in that little corner of the county right there," Huffman said.

American Red Cross volunteers notified restaurants, hotels, Glen's Market, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and the Grayling City Police Department that the shelter was available.

Pets are a big issue since they are not allowed at the shelter.

"It's a tough thing for people to come to a shelter," said Pamela Rohr, an American Red Cross volunteer from Grayling. "They'll huddle up with friends and family until they become desperate."

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Credit union employees celebrate MASH program

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Although the MASH acronym is used to refer to an army hospital and is linked to a popular movie and television show, a local group of volunteers have been using the moniker to support the community.

North Central Area Credit Union branches in northern Michigan have their own MASH units, which stands for Mentor, Assist, Support and Helping Our Community.

The MASH unit employees respond to all sorts of requests from local communities, doing everything from cutting wood to help people heat their homes to taking part in local charities.

Grayling employees from North Central Area Credit Union support the Relay for Life of Crawford County, the Grayling Promotional Association's (GPA) Festival of Trees and annual Pictionary competition and the Crawford County Commission on Aging's Meals on Wheels program. They also help with the Roscommon Senior Center's bingo competitions, the Roscommon Firemen's Memorial, sew stuffed animals that are given to children at Mercy



Photo courtesy of John Ward
Above, Grayling North Central Area Credit union member service representatives Judy Crandall, Shante Reynolds and Kristen Rock set up for the MASH day recently hosted at the local branch of the credit union.

Hospital Grayling through the Kiwanis Club of Grayling and take part in church groups. The employees also clean up a stretch of M-72 East through the Adopt a Highway program.

"We're just giving back to the community and we have a lot of fun and love in what we're doing," said Diane Clough, a member service representative for the North Central Area Credit Union branch in Grayling.

Not only does the program allow employees to work hand-in-hand with its

members and community organizations, it is part of the credit union's charter to perform community service, said Rick Tuttle, a centralized services representative for the North Central Area Credit Union.

The North Central Area Credit Union recently held a MASH Day to recognize the employee program and causes they support.

"It really was just a shout out to our volunteers and the people who help out to come in to celebrate," Tuttle said.

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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Lest we forget, we have a senate race, too

CONSCIENTIOUS VOTERS simply cannot ignore the presidential campaign this year, especially here in Michigan, but we have another statewide race on the November ballot here with significance, too.

Michigan must choose half of our two-person representation in the United States Senate for the next eight years.

We all know about the United States Senate, of course, from our high school civics classes, or by keeping up with congressional happenings by reading the newspapers.

The US Senate often is called "The Greatest Deliberative Body in the World" and most senators feel that way, too.

The Senate is made up of 100 members that helps run the country ... a group of individuals, two from each state, and very closely matched according to party lines ... the body which very often votes "no" to sidetrack or defeat proposed new laws, with the Republican half turning down Democratic ideas, and

Democrats rejecting Republican proposals.

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MICHIGAN'S TWO senators both are Democrats.

Sen. Carl Levin of Detroit has held his seat for 34 years, and last was reelected in 2008. He is chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Lansing, originally from Clare, was elected to two terms in the US House of Representatives, then to the Senate 12 years ago and again six years ago and must be reelected in November to keep her seat. She is chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture.

Holding those committee chairs makes both Michigan senators pretty powerful figures in Washington.

Sen. Stabenow's reelection is contested, of course. The out-of-office party always puts someone on the ballot, but in most cases the incumbent senator wins reelection.

It looks like that will happen in Michigan again this year, too.

Even so, eight Republican

hopefuls - all males - have offered themselves as candidates to fight the unenviable battle to send Ms. Stabenow back home.

Actually that may never happen, even if Sen. Stabenow should lose in November. Very few former federal lawmakers after leaving either the house or the senate, actually leave Washington. Some do, but most don't. There's something in the Washington air - maybe it's the smell of Washington's famous cherry blossoms in the spring - that keeps them close to the seat of national political power.

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LEADING THE pack of Republican hopefuls is Peter Hoekstra, former Holland businessman who served 18 years in the US House of Representatives but decided not to run in 2010 so he could run for Michigan governor instead. He finished second in the Republican primary to current Gov. Rick Snyder.

Probably second in line is Clark Durant, Detroit attorney and former member of the State Board of

Education, and strong advocate of charter schools. His candidacy is backed by a covey of high-up Michigan Republican leaders, such as former state chairs Betsy DeVos and Saul Anuzis, who now represents Michigan on the National Republican Committee.

So far the Durant campaign has not gained much momentum, but his backers contend it is still "incredibly early" in campaign terms.

A third potential to be considered seriously is Gary Glenn of Midland, head of the American Family Association and described in a recent story in *The Detroit Free Press* as "a fiery social conservative."

Mr. Glenn won a recent straw poll among 200 or so social conservatives calling themselves "Michigan for a Conservative Senate" and somewhat united under the umbrella of Michigan tea party activists.

Many tea party folks declined to take part in the straw poll because of the nature of the activity. A *Lansing State Journal* report on the poll quoted one long

time tea party activist that "the tea party is a movement and a philosophy and not a party" so both convention and its straw polling were out of line.

Nonetheless, after the third round of voting, Mr. Glenn bested Mr. Durant in the straw poll. Mr. Hoekstra finished third, although his staff said he "chose not to participate in the straw poll process."

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THIS GLENN victory probably doesn't mean a whole lot, especially considering most statewide polling of potential Republican voters.

For example:

A late February telephone poll of 400 likely Republican primary voters conducted by a reliable polling firm measured Mr. Hoekstra's support at 48 percent, with Mr. Durant second at 5 percent and Mr. Glenn at 1 percent.

Other tree species are candidates, all at 2 percent or less and listed here alphabetically and only by name, were Scotty Bowman, Randy Hekman, Peter Konetchy,

Chuck Marino and Rick Wilson.

Perhaps of significance, another 40 percent were either undecided or refused to respond. However, it will be a tremendous struggle for Mr. Durant, Mr. Glenn or any of the other hopefuls to overtake Mr. Hoekstra before the August primary, although it is indeed incredibly early to be making predictions, and so far in this election year, almost anything seems possible.

After deciding on the Republican candidate, of course, will come the most daunting part of the entire senate scenario, which will be trying to oust entrenched incumbent Sen. Debbie Stabenow, who has always been an effective campaigner and now also enjoys a multi-million dollar bankroll already established and ready for expenditure as needed.

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Viewpoint

By Bill Cook, Forester and Biologist MSU Extension, Upper Peninsula

Forest growth and harvest - what is the balance?

Michigan harvests a lot of wood. We see the trucks moving every day. But, Michigan also grows a lot of wood.

What is the balance?

On statewide basis, Michigan grows a bit more than twice the volume that we harvest, a ratio of about 2.1. Michigan's growth-to-harvest figure is higher than that of either Wisconsin or Minnesota. Across the nation, it ranks in the middle of the pack.

A number greater than "1.0" means more wood grows than is harvested. The higher the number, the larger the proportion of growth there is. That could mean either growth is aggressive or harvest levels are low. A number below "1.0" could mean either natural mortality is high or harvest levels are high.

Each year, more and more wood accumulates in

Michigan forests. Some would say this is a good thing. Others see a portion of the growth as a sustainable way to bolster a part of Michigan's economy, especially in rural areas.

Keep in mind that forest statistics are moving targets, changing somewhat every year. More importantly, they vary across different regions within Michigan. The "2.1 ratio" is not uniform across the state. The ratio also varies among tree species.

It's also important to understand that wood that accumulates in the inventory does not mean it is available for harvesting. Inventory and availability are two very different things. An owner won't necessarily sell timber just because it's there. And, nearly half of Michigan's forest is owned by families and individuals.

By looking closer at the inventory data, meaningful highlights can be "unpacked." This is especially important information for investors and planners looking at establishing a new forest products company or biomass energy facility.

For instance, the growth-to-harvest ratio increases from 1.3 in the Upper Peninsula, to nearly 4.0 in the Southern Lower Peninsula. In the Northern Lower Peninsula, there is more growth accumulation on the east side than on the west side.

By tree species, the ratio varies even more widely.

All of our common tree species are growing at rates higher than harvest. White pine grows nearly nine times the volume of its annual harvest. The five most common species in Michigan - sugar maple, red

maple, cedar, red pine, and quaking aspen - are growing at rates of 1.9, 2.5, 4.6, 2.6, and 1.4, respectively.

Other tree species are not doing as well, mostly due to impacts by exotic pests or natural cycles leading to maturity. Where possible, harvest levels increase for these species, while the still wood remains sound. Some of the declining species include the elms, paper birch, jack pine, beech, and white ash.

How do forest scientists know these sorts of things?

The U.S. Congress has charged, and funded, the U.S. Forest Service to collect forest inventory across the United States, on all ownerships. This has been ongoing since the 1930s. These inventories are done through a special unit called the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Unit. This unit is often cited as the

source for all sorts of descriptive data for forests. The data are often called "FIA data."

The FIA unit counts trees.

Many pieces of information about the site and sample trees are collected. There are over 10,000 forested plots across the state and dozens of measured items. Each year, a fifth of the plots are re-measured in the field and the rest are modeled. Every five years, a report is issued that describes our forests.

It's an expensive endeavor. However, our forests are worth billions in monetary terms, alone. Additionally, there are values for environmental services and sense of place that are difficult to assign a dollar value. Nevertheless, we do, indeed, have a pretty good idea about the status of our forests.

Historically Speaking

Rob Burg, from Hartwick Pines State Park, submitted information about the photograph which appeared in the March 1, 2012 *Crawford County Avalanche*:

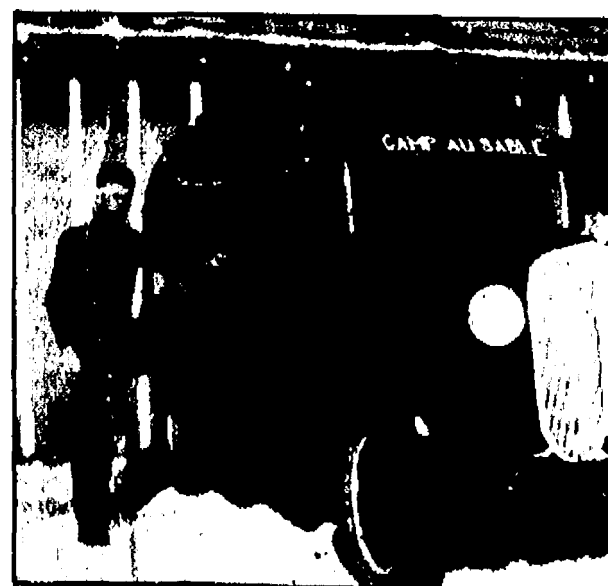
Although I cannot give you the name of the individual in the photograph or the date, this is a photo of one of the enrollees of the Civilian Conservation Corps' Company 681, which was located at Camp AuSable (Camp S-108). The camp was on North Down River Road, about 1/2 mile west of Kellogg's Bridge and the North Branch, from 1933-42.

The primary work of the young men (ages 18-25) was reforestation. During the period of the CCC, more than 434 million trees were planted in Michigan. The men also fought forest fires, manned fire towers, developed parks, built roads and bridges, and a variety of park and forest facilities. Besides operating the Higgins Lake Nursery (now North Higgins Lake State Park), locally the 'CCC Boys' also worked at the Grayling Fish Hatchery, did work at the Grayling Winter Sports Park (Hanson

Hills), and built the Logging Museum buildings at Hartwick Pines.

In just Crawford County alone, there were four CCC Camps: Camp AuSable, Camp Eldorado (off of M-18), Camp Hartwick Pines, and Camp Higgins Lake. More nearby camps included Camp Houghton Lake, Camp Kalkaska, Camp Lundeen (near Lewiston), Camp Luzerne, and Camp Pioneer (south of Roscommon). In all, nearly 106,000 men served in the CCC in Michigan during the period of 1933-42, during the Great Depression. The CCC was a federal program and had camps and projects in all forty-eight states, and the territories of Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

To learn more about the Civilian Conservation Corps and their work in Michigan, you can visit the CCC Museum at North Higgins Lake State Park. The museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day and is part of the Michigan Historical Center, a division of the Michigan Department of Natural



Resources.

Rob Burg
 Site Historian/Historic Sites Manager
 Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Michigan
 CCC Museum, Sanilac Petroglyphs
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 of Natural Resources
 Hartwick Pines State Park

Briefs

COA to hold dinner

The COA, 308 Lawndale St., Grayling, will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Thursday, March 8, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The menu will include corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, fruited Jello and mint brownies. The cost is \$4.75 for those under age 60 and \$2.50 for those over age 60. The dinner is open to the public. For more information, call 348-7123.

Food drive to be held

A Food Drive to benefit the Crawford County Christian Help Center will be held during the months of March and April. Boxes for food donations will be at Glen's and Save-a-Lot. Cash donation canisters will be located at Goodales and 7-Eleven. All food and cash collected will earn the Christian Help Center a portion of the Feinstein Foundations \$1 million giveaway.

Little League to hold registration

Grayling Little League will hold registration in the GHS gym on Saturday, March 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a discounted rate. Forms will then be available at Sylvester's and Xpress Copy March 12-30 at the regular rate. Late registrants will not be accepted. New players must provide a copy of their birth certificate. Players must be at least 4 years of age by April 30, 2012. A clinic will also be held March 10, 17 and 24 for players of all skill levels. Information, contact Teresa Bonamic at 348-6805.

GHS musical postponed

The GHS musical Thoroughly Modern Millie, was postponed due to weather. The dates are now Thursday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m. If you purchased a ticket for Friday, it will now be for Sunday, March 18. If anybody needs to return or exchange their tickets please do so.

St. Patrick's Day program to be held

Members of GHS Project Graduation will be selling tickets as a fundraiser for the St. Patrick's Day program that will be held at the Rialto Theatre on Thursday, March 15 at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$9 in advance or \$10 at the door.

Photographic Society to meet

The Grayling Photographic Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, at the Citizens Bank in Grayling, across from the Post Office. Park in the rear, enter the rear door, then down the stairs. The program this month will be by GPS member Gary Gee. Gary will show and discuss projected images of some of his work in wildlife photography and night photography. Questions, contact stan@sprevost.net or 256-603-7143. Further info at <http://graylingphoto.org/>.

Church to hold Swiss Steak Dinner

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, will hold a Swiss Steak Dinner on Thursday, March 15, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$9 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12 and children under age 6, eat free. Takeouts will be available.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

District Health Department #10

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for March.

Immunization clinics: March 7, 19 and 21. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: March 13 and 20. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children. March 8, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 26 and 29. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training

sessions. For information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for March 13 and 20 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through high school. Appointments are necessary. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Workshop to address bullying

Research suggests that bullying is not necessarily on the increase, but instead that our awareness of the issue has grown.

"It's not a new issue. Our awareness and concern has grown, as well as our knowledge about different kinds of bullying behaviors and the impacts these behaviors can have," said Janet Olsen, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension program leader.

With the signing of Public Act 241 of 2011, Michigan requires all schools to develop and enforce policies to protect students from harassment, intimidation and physical violence. Communities are supporting the act and taking steps of their own.

"We know from research that youth want adults to take all forms (of bullying) seriously, including emotional and relational," said Olsen.

Bullying occurs in a variety of ways and situations, among them physical, emotional, relational and verbal. Kids do not have to be physically present to be bullied. Cyberbullying, or using the computer and related technologies to bully, is a method used to victimize others.

Olsen says that "young people experience bullying in a variety of settings, not

just school. Being connected through technology has resulted in kids being at risk for being targeted any time of day, no matter where they are."

MSU Extension will be hosting half-day workshops throughout Michigan, educating community members about the ABCs (Addressing Bullying in Community Settings) of bullying prevention as part of a new Be SAFE (Safe, Affirming and Fair Environments) initiative.

Among the workshops the Diocese of Gaylord Pastoral Center, Gaylord will be a host on March 28. To register, email Carolyn Penniman at pennimac@anr.msu.edu. Registration ends March 26.

The ABCs of bullying will give participants the opportunity to share their perspectives on bullying and the types of bullying behaviors that affect their communities; examine bullying, bias and harassment through the lens of differences; explore strategies for addressing the issues and learn about programs and resources that can be used in community settings.

For more information about MSU Extension programs, visit www.msue.msu.edu, or call 1-888-678-3464.

Mercy Hospital Grayling partners with area Commission on Aging to present program

Mercy Hospital Grayling has partnered with the Crawford County Commission on Aging to bring area seniors and their families a program entitled "Consider the Conversation," a video and discussion about end of life issues and how to start the conversation about last wishes.

The presentation examines multiple perspectives on end-of-life care, including information and experiences gathered from interviews with patients, family members, doctors, nurses, social workers and national experts from around the country.

Staff from Mercy Hospital Grayling will present "Consider the Conversation" and serve as a panel to answer any questions. The panel will include Marian Long, RN, MSN, a member of the Ethics Committee at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

"The Ethics Committee felt that the "Consider the Conversation" program was vital to get into our communities. By partnering with the Commission on Aging, we are able to reach out and offer this program to people who might not otherwise

have access to it," said Long.

Also included on the panel will be Lindsey DeRousse, LLMSW, Director of Social Services and admissions at Mercy Manor; Tracy Bellor, RN, Mercy Hospital Grayling Emergency Department; Lorelei King, RN, Director of Mission Services at Mercy Hospital Grayling; and Jan Williamson, RN, CHPN, Clinical Manager at Mercy Hospice. Williamson will also serve as facilitator for the panel.

"Consider the Conversation" will take place on March 15 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, Grayling. There is no charge to attend. In addition, there will be a door prize awarded at the end of the program.

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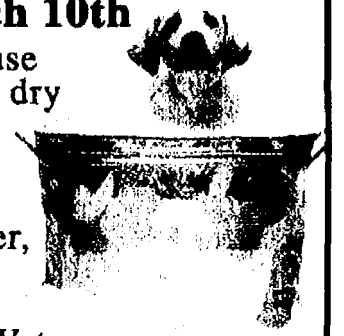
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"I'll Never Need That Form!"

Thursday, Mar 22 • 6-7:30pm

Discussion of guardianship, wills & powers of attorney
with local lawyers & MMR to discuss Do Not
Resuscitate orders.

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The Bible Speaks

Patience from Holy Scriptures

"4For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." (Romans 15:4). We studied last week how God's Holy Scriptures provides us teaching and learning sufficient for our salvation, sanctification, and service. Without God's Holy Scriptures we would be left without learning, without patience, without comfort and without hope.

The learning, doctrine, instruction or wisdom we receive from God's Holy Scriptures give us patience. God is called the God of patience in Romans 15:5 reminding us that God is the source of our patience. Revelation 1:9 speaks of the patience of Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:3 teaches us that our patience of hope is in our Lord Jesus Christ. Hebrews 6:12 teaches us to be "...followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." God's Holy Scriptures provide His promises; they are the source of our faith, (Romans 10:17), and they teach us patience. (Romans 15:4).

James 1:3,4 teaches us that patience comes from the trial of our faith: "3Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Romans 5:3 also teaches us the importance of patience in our growth and development as Christians: "3And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4And patience, experience; and experience, hope." Peter also confirms this truth in 2 Peter 1:5,6: "5And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6And to

knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness."

Therefore, Patience should be a goal in our life as Christians. Paul reminds Timothy of this in 1 Timothy 6:11: "11But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." Hebrews 12:1,2 reminds us to set an example by patience in our Christian race by following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross: "1Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. 2Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

James gives us more examples of patience. James 2:7 teaches us of the patience of the farmer: "7Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain." In James 5:10 he reminds us of the patience of the prophets: "10Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience." Finally, the patience of Job in James 5:11: "11Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." Pastor "B"

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Obituaries

Sharon L. Arndt

Sharon Lynn Arndt, 55, of Grayling, passed away Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

She is the daughter of Donald Libke and Marjorie (Akers) Libke.

Sharon married Richard Arndt in Royal Oak on August 8, 1986.

Sharon was a member of the Eagles, Order of Eastern Star, Motor Corp., and Ladies for Shrine.

She is survived by her husband, Richard of 25 years; father, Donald Libke of Redford; step-father, Charles Harris; daughter, Elizabeth (Schmaltz) Crigger and husband, Kevin of Warren; three sons: William (Courtney) Schmaltz of Madison Heights; Michael Arndt of Roseville; Christopher Ryan (Shanna) Arndt of Warren; sister, Robin (John) Wells of Clawson; and a brother, Chuck (Lisa) Harris of Royal Oak. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Sharon is preceded in death by her mother, Marjorie.

A memorial service was held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling, on Saturday, March 3, 2012.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice of Grayling.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorenson-lockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Kathleen Harris

Kathleen Mary Harris, 73, of Grayling, passed away March 1, 2012 surrounded by her family.

Kathleen was born in Detroit, on May 23, 1938, a daughter of the late Kathleen (Campbell) Miller and William Miller.

She worked at home as a homemaker. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Kathleen is survived by her 18 children; 48 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 10 nephews; and three nieces.

She is preceded in death by both parents; three brothers; and one daughter.

A memorial service was held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling, on March 4 with Dan Weaver officiating.

Condolences may be posted at www.sorenson-lockwood.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Cynthia Gardner

Cynthia Rose Gardner, 45, of Grayling Township, passed away February 28, 2012.

There have been no services planned.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Births

Kari Thompson and Chad Knepp of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Aspen Evert, born born at Mercy Hospital on February 29, 2012 at 2:46 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 1 oz., and measuring 20 inches length.

Card of Thanks

The Grayling Lions Club wishes to thank all of the businesses and individuals for their generous support of our pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Ambassador's Club spotlights Grayling Generating Station



Grayling Generating Station received the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for February. Pictured above are employees from Grayling Generating Station with the award.

Grayling Generating Station, located on W. Four Mile Road, Grayling, was selected as the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member award recipient for February.

Grayling Generating Station started in the summer of 1992. They are owned by CMS Enterprises, AltaGas and Fortistar and managed by Phil Lewis. They produce electricity from renewable resources (waste wood and tire derived fuel) that is sold to utilities.

Grayling Generating Station is a 38 MW (Megawatt = 1,000 Kilowatts) wood waste-fueled power plant. The electric output is sold pursuant to the terms of a long-term power purchase agreement with

Consumers Energy Company. Wood waste consists primarily of wood chips from forest improvement and land clearing programs, and sawdust and bark from local lumber mills. CMS Enterprises operates the plant and has a 50 percent ownership interest.

They use the City of Grayling waste water treatment plant effluent as makeup water to their cooling tower. They pump this water 17,000 feet to get it to the plant.

They have 24 employees and have operated for 20 years without a lost time injury.

Grayling Generating Station has received: ISO 14001 certification for environmental management systems which is an internationally recognized status; they are members

of the Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership; and have the Michigan Clean Corporate Citizens designation — which is the state's highest honor for volunteer environmental programs from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The special designation requires sites to achieve and maintain performance in three areas: environmental management, pollution prevention and environmental compliance.

Grayling Generating Station has been inducted into Power magazine's Power Plant Hall of Fame for the plant's innovative design of its wastewater system and for using waste wood to produce energy.

They have been a Chamber member since 1992.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, March 9 - Lunch - glazed ham, sweet potatoes, Prince Charles vegetable blend and sliced apples. No dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 12 p.m. Frederic/Maple Forest Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and Pool-9 Ball.

Monday, March 12 - Lunch - Polish sausage, sauerkraut, corn and an orange. Dinner - spaghetti

with meat sauce, wax beans, asparagus, garlic toast and plums. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, March 13 - Lunch - pork riblet sandwich, coleslaw, baked beans and baked apples. Dinner - beef stew, green beans, biscuit and an orange. 10 a.m. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, March 14 - Lunch - Swedish meatballs with rice, Brussels sprouts and peaches. Dinner - burrito, lettuce, tomato, corn, Mexican fiesta rice and cherry turnover. 10 a.m.

line dancing at Houghton Lake, 1 p.m. pool- Ball in Hand, Wii Bowling and Mahjong.

Thursday, March 15 - Lunch - beef tips with noodles, peas, cauliflower, pears and apple crisp. Dinner - baked chicken, oven roasted potatoes, stewed tomatoes and grapes. 10 a.m. crafting and Pokeno, 11 a.m.S.A.F.E., UNO Attack, UnLucky 7's, Pool- 8 Ball, 6 p.m. Moving forward "Consider the Conversation."

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 98 complaints the week of Feb. 27 - March 4.

Twenty-eight general non-criminal complaints, two snowmobile incidents, one valid alarm, three false alarm activations, one kidnapping/abduction violation, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary-forced entry-residence, two

larcenies, one vehicle-stolen, one fraud, two marijuana possession complaints, one public peace/disorderly complaint, one health and safety complaint, one snowmobile violation, 10 miscellaneous arrests, 18 traffic accidents, one traffic violations-civil infraction, one parking violations, one traffic policing response, one traffic safety public

appearance, three hazardous conditions, five investigations-family trouble, 10 suspicious situations, one lost and found property and one driving on revoked/suspended license complaint.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

Range Firing

Range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period March 15-21:

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), March 15-16 and 20-21.

This firing schedule is subject to change

without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 989-344-6100.

Honors

Alma College

Colin Hamlin of Grayling, was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 2011 Fall Term at Alma College.



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- Sunday Morning Celebration: 11am
- Wednesday Evening Service: 7pm

URL: <http://burningbushtabernacle.com>
Pastor: petrie@burningbushtabernacle.com

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6441 West M-72, Grayling, MI
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saint_francis@frontier.com

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Wednesday Holy Eucharist 8:30am
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231 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska, MI
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Sunday Worship - 10am
Sunday School - 9am

Youth Group - Wed. Evenings 6:30pm
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The Devereaux Memorial Library will host its 10th anniversary celebration on Thursday, March 15 with an open house.

The Crawford County Devereaux Library celebrates 10-year anniversary

The Devereaux Memorial Library will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on March 15 with an all-day open house and evening event.

The Crawford County Library has come a long way through the years, once housed in the Grayling residence of Ella Funck on Michigan Avenue, later moving to a newly built location on James Street to serve the county's population of about 5,000 in 1961, and finally settling in the much larger facility known today as the Devereaux Memorial Library on Plum Street, designed to replace the previous 40 year old building and accommodate a nearly tripled population.

The cost of creating the much needed new state of the art facility was estimated at \$2,000,000. Leslie Devereaux generously donated \$500,000 when a \$1.5 million bond issue was approved by taxpayers in August of 2000, and dedicated the library in honor and memory of her father, Richard Devereaux, an avid reader and fly fisherman with a long history in the Grayling area. Several other large donations were made including \$25,000 from the Weyerhaeuser Foundation, \$25,000 from Charles Fick, and \$10,000 from Nelson Miles.

The Devereaux Memorial Library was built as a result of the combined efforts of the Crawford County Library Board, the Friends of the Crawford County Library, all major contributors, and the local residents, businesses, and organizations who donated time, money, and even library equipment and furnishings.

Architect Ed Parks volunteered his services as project manager, providing concept drawings and overseeing all aspects of construction to ensure the library as a long-standing asset to the community.

Kimberly Fuller donated interior design services, creating a comfortable, rustic, "up north" atmosphere.

Groundbreaking took place in spring of 2001 and the Devereaux Memorial Library officially opened its doors on March 15, 2002.

The Devereaux Memorial Library is the main branch of three libraries in the Crawford County Library System and its 201 Plum Street location near the Grayling Primary and Elementary schools has allowed it to become a fixture in the lives of residents growing up with the library's resources. An invaluable asset to the community, it provides a family friendly environment dedicated to lifelong learning through books, programs, and the latest in technology access.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the Devereaux Memorial Library will host its 10th anniversary celebration on Thursday, March 15. Punch and cookies will be served during the open house from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., with the evening event beginning at 6 p.m. Hear talented local musicians, share library memories, and create new ones while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and cake. Everyone is invited to the celebration. Become a part of the Crawford County Library's ever-growing history.

Kirtland Community College starts food pantry to aid students

Members of Kirtland Community College's faculty and staff are gathering non-perishable food items in order to maintain a Student Food Pantry on the main campus near Roscommon. The Kirtland Student Food Pantry, whose motto is "Nourishing Bodies and Minds," will provide a much-needed resource for any student who is having trouble making ends meet while pursuing an education at Kirtland.

In February, 330 pounds of food were donated during a staff/faculty food drive kick-off event geared at filling a Kirtland van with enough items to successfully stock the Student Food Pantry. Kirtland President Tom Quinn donated a night of dinner and bowling at Fred's of Roscommon to the employee who donated the most pounds of food during the month-long giving campaign.

KCC Student Services staff member Jo Ann Gave has been instrumental in making the food pantry a reality on campus. Gave commended all employees for their generous support, saying, "We gathered 330 pounds of food. But we aren't done yet. We will

never be done - or should I say, we won't be done until our students don't need us any longer for help. With our current tough economic times, I think that won't happen for quite a while."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on Monday, March 12 at 11 a.m. at the Student Food Pantry, located on the lower level of the Administration Building. Students, employees and community members are invited to attend.

Kirtland students will have access to the pantry every Wednesday and Thursday during the third week from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., with the pantry officially opening to students on Wednesday, March 21.

KCC and the Student Food Pantry committee members appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity which made this food drive a success.

"It is because of team work that this project will succeed," adds Gave.

For more information on the food pantry, how students can access this resource, or how to make donations, please contact Jo Ann Gave at 989-275-5000 ext. 289.

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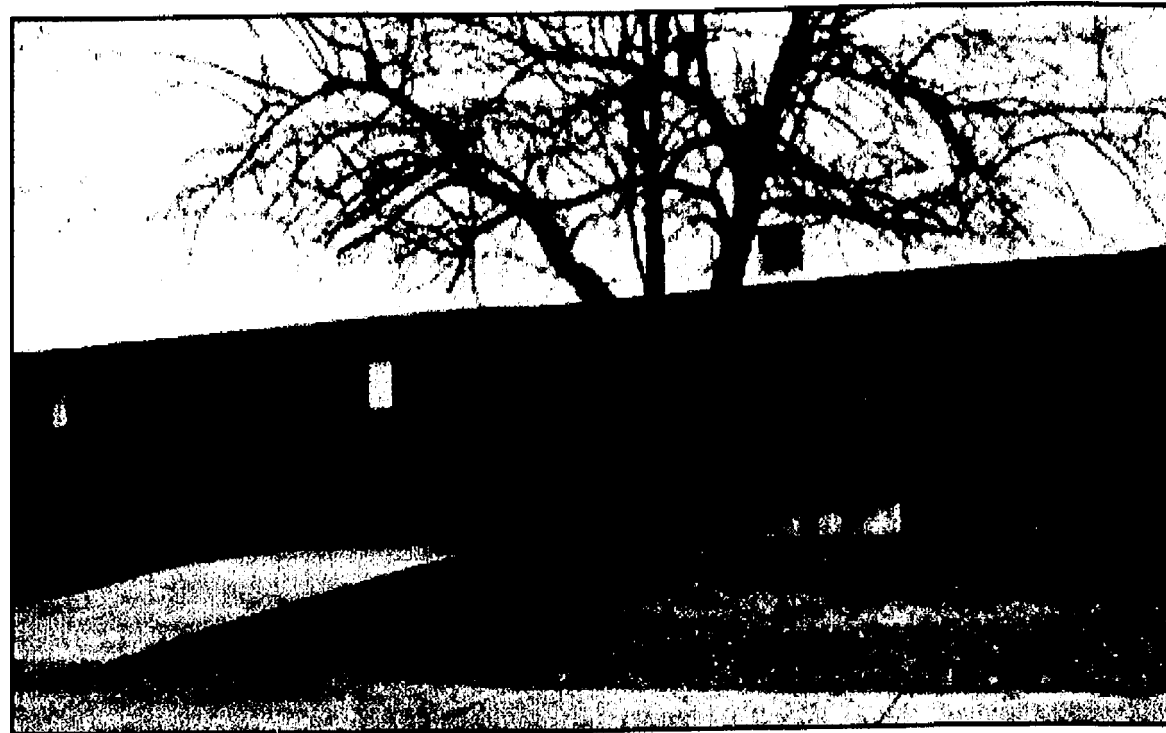
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The Frederic Community Library is in the process of moving to a newly renovated portion of the growing Frederic Township Community Center, located in the former Frederic Elementary School building. The library will join both the Frederic township governmental offices and Head Start in serving the various needs of the public from one convenient location.

With approximately 2,700 sq. ft. of three combined classrooms, the new facility is 50% larger and allows for the improvement and expansion of computer access, library collections, and programming space, as well as the additions of an online card catalog, reading lounge, and an updated children's area.

"We have seen an increase in patronage over the last eight years at the Frederic Community Library and have improved service hours to accommodate the growing needs of the community. Our current space was limited to adequately serve the public, and we took great care in planning and developing a new library within our budget," said Bambi Mansfield, Crawford County Library Director.

With these considerations, the Crawford County Library Board approved the use of general and capital improvement funds for the project. The Great Lakes Energy People's Fund grant provided \$1,800 to create two new child-friendly computer stations and Crabtree Publishing is donating two boxes of books to expand the Frederic library's children's collection. The new



The New Frederic Library, located in the former Frederic Elementary School building, will host its grand re-opening in the Frederic Township Community Center, 6470 Manistee Street in Frederic, on Saturday, March 17.



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facility is also an example of how taxpayer support continually improves the assets available to all Crawford County residents.

The current Frederic Community Library will be officially closing its doors March 5. All other branches remain open to serve patrons' needs during the transition.

"There is a lot that goes into moving a library and we are fortunate to have citizens who understand the need to close the facility temporarily," said Connie

Meyer, Crawford County Library Services Coordinator. "The new library is going to be a great place for people who live a distance from the main library to use Crawford County Library resources."

The grand re-opening will take place at the new location in the Frederic Township Community Center, 6470 Manistee Street in Frederic, on Saturday, March 17, with a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by

the Friends of the Crawford County Library, the event will feature family entertainment by magician Nate the Great, Celtic music by Gerald Casey in honor of St. Patrick's Day, and refreshments.


"We are really looking forward to opening the doors of the new library to the residents of Frederic and surrounding Crawford County areas," said Crawford County Library Board President Jeri Selthoffer.

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GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for February are: (from left to right, back row) Brady Bickford, Montana Brieholz, Sawyer Tjerck DeWitt, Eric Eckola, Easton Farrell, Caleb Fenton, Anna Fisher; (middle row) Gavin Fisher, Joslyn Gabriel, Nick Hardick, Cole Hibbard, Courtney Hickman, Travis Johnson, Sydney Libstorff, Maddi Papendick-Gauthier; (front row) Savannah Putnam, Joshua Schmidt, Olivia Schreiber, Miranda Simpson, Maggie Warren.

Grayling man honored for his work to enhance the AuSable River watershed

A Grayling man, who has helped conserve and enhance the AuSable River watershed, was honored for his efforts at a recent Huron Pines annual meeting.

Bob Andrus received the O.B. Eustis Awards as recognition for his outstanding conservation efforts. The award was named in honor of the late O.B. Eustis of Alpena, who was an exemplary leader in balancing economic development with natural resource conservation.

A long-time resident of the Grayling area, Andrus has labored tirelessly to conserve and enhance the greater AuSable River watershed, frequently partnering with Huron Pines through the AuSable Watershed Restoration Committee. Andrus has long served as chairman of the committee and currently serves as its treasurer.

The Otsego Wildlife Legacy Society (OWLS) and J&N Construction of Grayling were also presented with O.B. Eustis Awards.

OWLS, a Gaylord-based organization, was recognized for furthering conservation in the region through education and hands-on habitat restoration.

J&N Construction received the award for an outstanding business. J&N has worked with Huron Pines on numerous road/stream crossing and dam removal projects. They have been an essential partner in getting these valuable restoration projects accomplished, always performing to the highest standards in spite of the difficult working conditions inherent in restoration projects.

An annual grant of \$1,500 from the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan was awarded to the recipients of the O.B. Eustis Awards to designate to a local conservation project.

Each year, conservation leaders from across northern Michigan and the wider Great Lakes region come together for the Huron Pines annual meeting. Attendees



Karen Harrison, a board member for the Anglers of the AuSable, and Mark Hendricks, president of the Mason Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited, nominated Bob Andrus for the O.B. Eustis Award. Above, Harrison, Andrus and Hendricks are pictured together at the Huron Pines annual meeting.

take the opportunity to network, share ideas about the future of natural resource conservation and learn about Huron Pines' ongoing projects.

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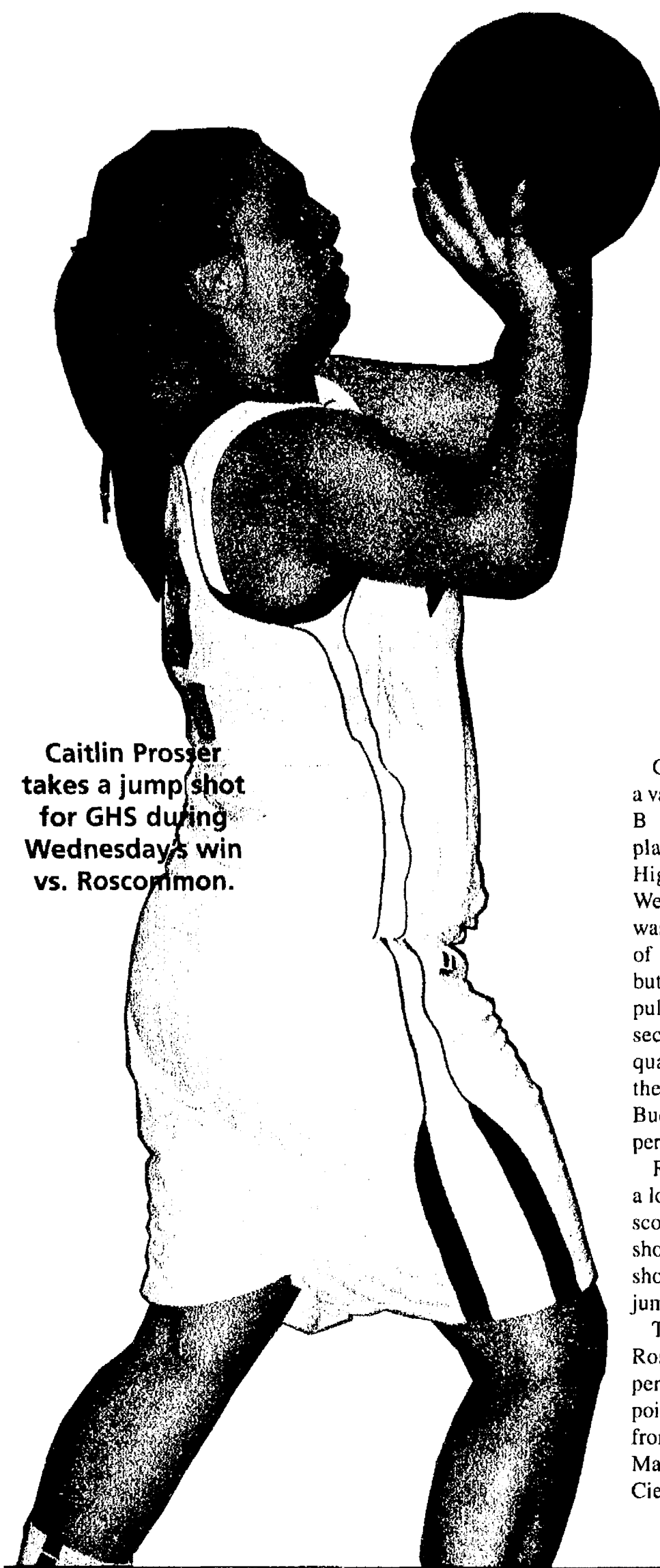
Josie Swander dribbles the ball for the Vikings on Wednesday.



Hannah Haven takes an inside shot for Grayling vs. Roscommon.



Alyssa Morley handles the ball for Grayling during last week's game vs. the Bucks.



Caitlin Prosser takes a jump shot for GHS during Wednesday's win vs. Roscommon.

Vikings pull away in 2nd, 3rd quarters, win 52-34 vs. Bucks

Grayling advances to district finals with Wednesday's victory

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling won 52-34. The game — a varsity girls basketball District 63-B tournament semifinal contest played at Grayling High School on Wednesday night — was close at the end of the first quarter, but the Vikings pulled away in the second and third quarters, outscoring their opponent, the Roscommon Bucks, 27-10 in the middle two periods.

Roscommon led 7-6 at the end of a low scoring first quarter. Grayling scored its six points with a jump shot by Caitlin Prosser, an inside shot by Maddie Benardo, and a jumper by Cierra Prosser.

The Vikings outscored Roscommon 17-4 in the second period. Grayling scored its 17 points with (in order) one free throw from Cierra Prosser, a put-back by Maddie Benardo, an inside shot by Cierra Prosser, an inside shot from

Sam Denno, a put-back by Hailey Whittaker, a jump shot by Whittaker, two free throws from Alyssa Morley, and a jump shot by Hannah Haven.

Vikings fall to Cheboygan 55-46 in district title game
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Grayling led 23-11 at halftime.

The Bucks scored the first basket of the third period. Grayling posted a 9-0 run with a lay-up by Whittaker, a triple by Cierra Prosser, a drive by Cierra Prosser, and a jumper by Caitlin Prosser. Roscommon scored the next two baskets. Cierra Prosser hit one of two from the free-throw line. Neither team scored in the last 2:56 of the third quarter.

Grayling took a 33-17 advantage into the fourth period.

The Vikings edged Roscommon 19-17 in fourth quarter scoring. Grayling scored its 19 with (in order) an inside shot from Benardo, a lay-up by Whittaker, three free throws from Cierra Prosser, a triple by Caitlin Prosser, a drive by Morley, a three-pointer by

Whittaker, an inside shot by Benardo, and two free throws from Haven.

Grayling won by 18, 52-34.

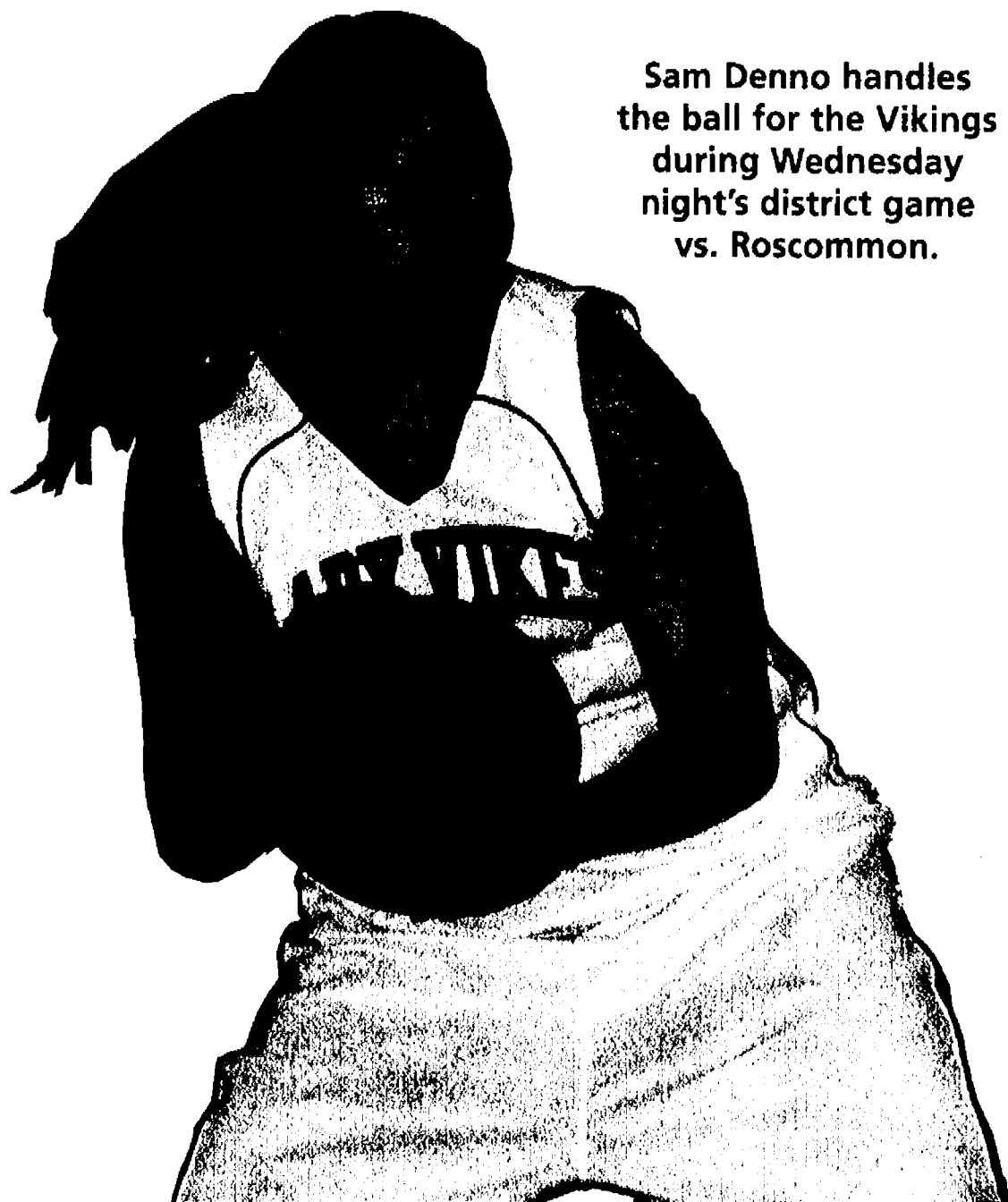
"We played a very solid game for four quarters. I was very happy with the girls because they played a very complete game. Our pressure defense caused a lot of problems for Roscommon as they had trouble getting into any kind of rhythm. It also affected their shooting percentage greatly," Coach Joe Powers said.

"We focused on pressuring them with a little different press to match up with their press break. I think that it was very effective, especially as we trapped their high scorer. Last game she had 24 points, this game, two. Another aspect that we wanted to stress was rebounding. We outrebounded them greatly," Coach Powers said. "Quality team win."

Cierra Prosser finished with 16 points and nine rebounds for the Vikings. Whittaker had 11 points. Benardo had eight points and Caitlin Prosser had seven points.



Maddie Benardo takes an inside shot for the Vikings vs. the Bucks on Wednesday.



Sam Denno handles the ball for the Vikings during Wednesday night's district game vs. Roscommon.



Riley Zigila, left, and Thomas Burrell, right, dribble the ball for the Vikings during Tuesday's varsity game vs. the Houghton Lake Bobcats.

Grayling ends regular season with 75-51 win vs. Bobcats

Vikings finish year with 16-4 overall record

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team finished its 2011-2012 regular season with a 75-51 victory vs. the visiting Houghton Lake Bobcats in a nonconference game played on Tuesday night.

The score was tied at 6-6 early in the contest. Steven Enos scored Grayling's first six points with a lay-up, one free throw, and a three-point play.

The Vikings went on a 14-2 run, scoring 14 with two free throws from Thomas Burrell, an inside shot by Enos, a lay-up by Enos, two free throws from Enos, an inside shot by Scott Parkinson, and two jump shots by Zane Tobin.

Grayling led 20-11 at the end of the first period.

The Vikings scored 19 points in the second quarter with (in order) an inside shot by Griffin Dean, two free throws from Tobin, a triple by Parkinson, one free throw from Parkinson, three more baskets by Tobin, and an inside shot by Dean.

At halftime, the Vikings had a 39-24 advantage.

Grayling outscored Houghton Lake 17-6 in the third quarter. The Vikings scored their 17 points with a drive by Riley Zigila, free throws from Tobin and Devon Dawson, a lay-up by Tobin, a jumper by Wes Dean, an inside shot by G. Dean, a lay-up by Tyler McClanahan, another inside shot by G. Dean, and a three-pointer by Jake Swander.

Tobin, Zigila, Enos, W. Dean, Burrell, and Zach

Schreiber scored points for the Vikings in the fourth period.

Grayling won by 24, 75-51.

"This was a great game for our seniors to finish their regular season. They have been solid throughout their careers and have created a ton of great memories for Viking basketball fans. They are a very special group," Coach Rich Moffit said.

According to the team, Tobin had 26 points and five rebounds. Enos finished with 14 points and seven rebounds. G. Dean had eight points and six rebounds. Parkinson had seven points, four rebounds, and two blocks.

The Vikings finished their 2011-2012 regular season with a 16-4 overall record.

Grayling took second place in the Lake Michigan Conference this year with an 11-3 record in league play.

"Our focus is now on the journey and competing vs. Roscommon," Coach Moffit said.

Grayling will play at Roscommon in a District 63-B semifinal game at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7. The winner will play at Cheboygan or at Houghton Lake for the district championship at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 9.



Steven Enos drives to the basket for Grayling during last week's regular season finale vs. the Houghton Lake Bobcats.

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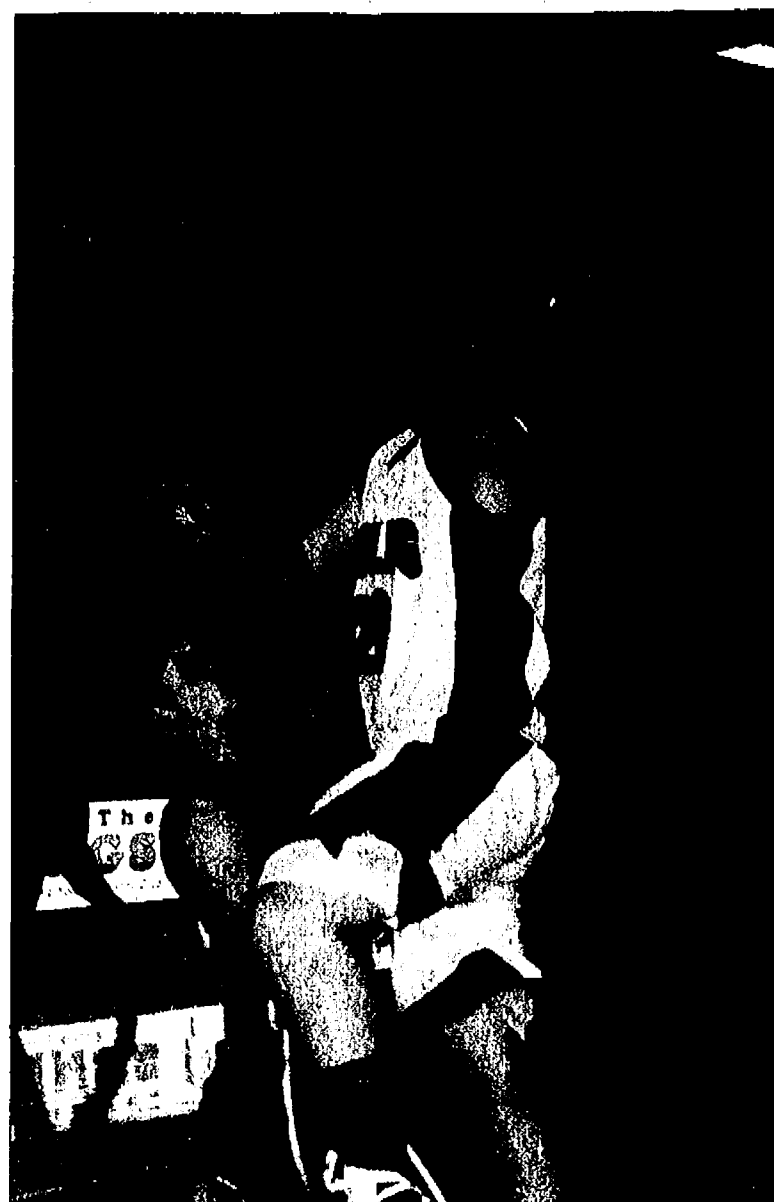
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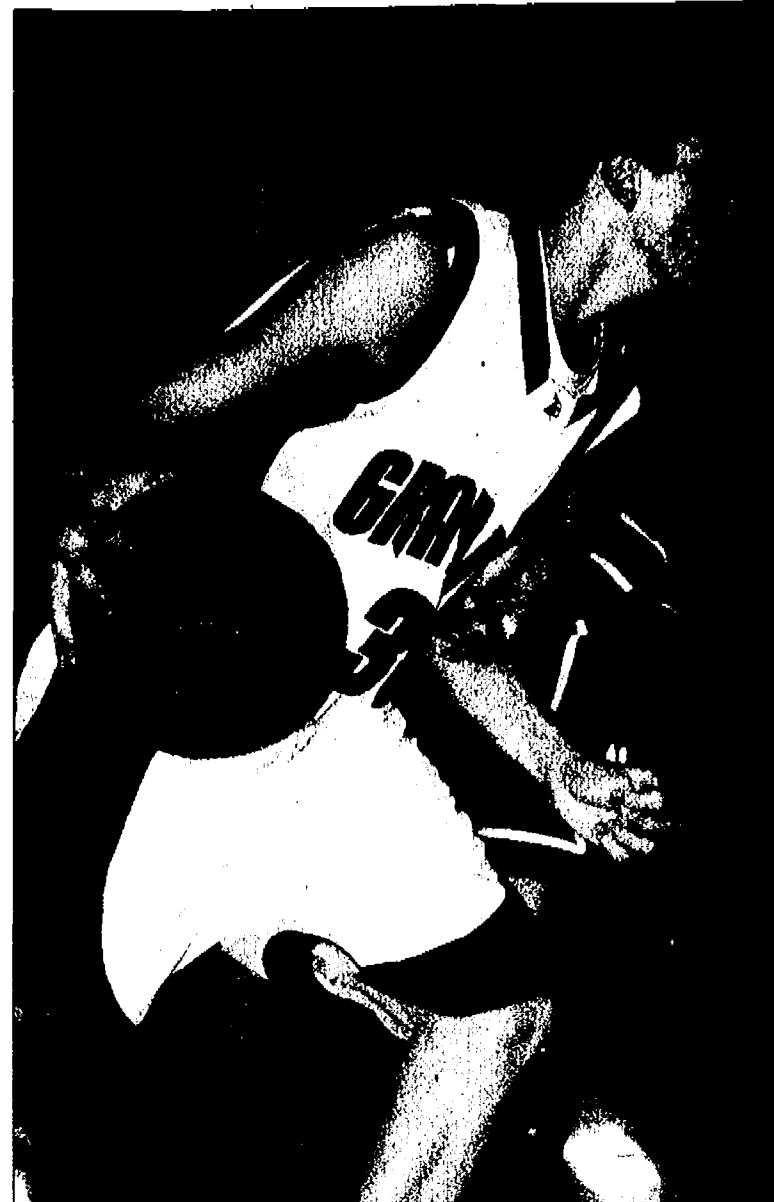
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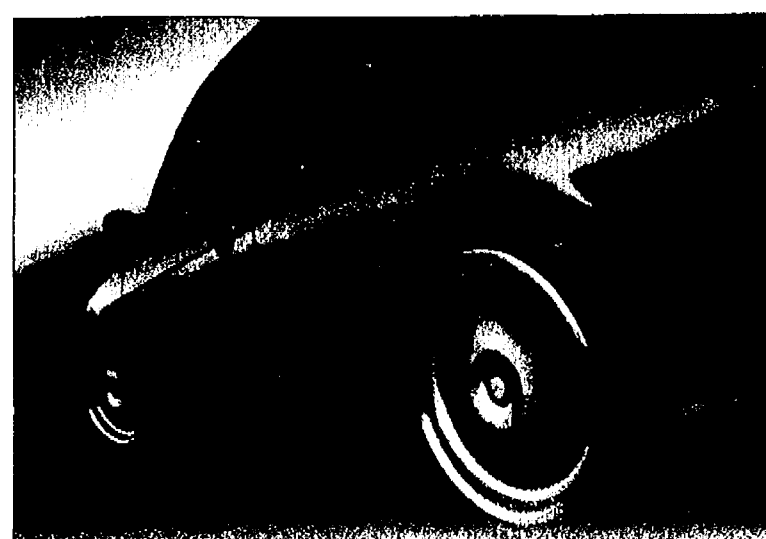
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Justice Junttila drives to the basket during Tuesday's game against the Bobcats.



Scott Wakeley handles the ball for Grayling's JV squad on Tuesday.



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JV team wins 56-24 vs. Bobcats in season finale

Grayling finishes with 18 wins, two losses

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team won 56-24 in its season finale vs. the visiting Houghton Lake Bobcats last Tuesday, finishing the year with 18 victories in 20 games.

Grayling opened Tuesday night's game with a 13-3 run, scoring 13 points with two inside shots by Justice Junttila, an inside shot by Matt Burrell, a three-point

play by Junttila, and baskets by Scott Wakeley and Junttila. Brandon Latusek, Michael Branch, and Peyton Zigila also scored points for the Vikings in the first period.

Grayling led 19-14 after one quarter of play.

The Vikings outscored Houghton Lake 11-0 in the first three minutes of the second period. The run included two baskets by Zigila, five points by Junttila, and free throws from Branch and Richie Sanford.

GHS had a 34-17 advantage at halftime.

Grayling outscored the Bobcats 9-1 in the third quarter. The Vikings got their nine points with two free throws from Junttila, a drive by Branch, a lay-up by Junttila, one free throw from Scout Tobin, and a drive by Junttila.

Grayling had a 25-point lead, 43-18, going into the last eight minutes of regulation.

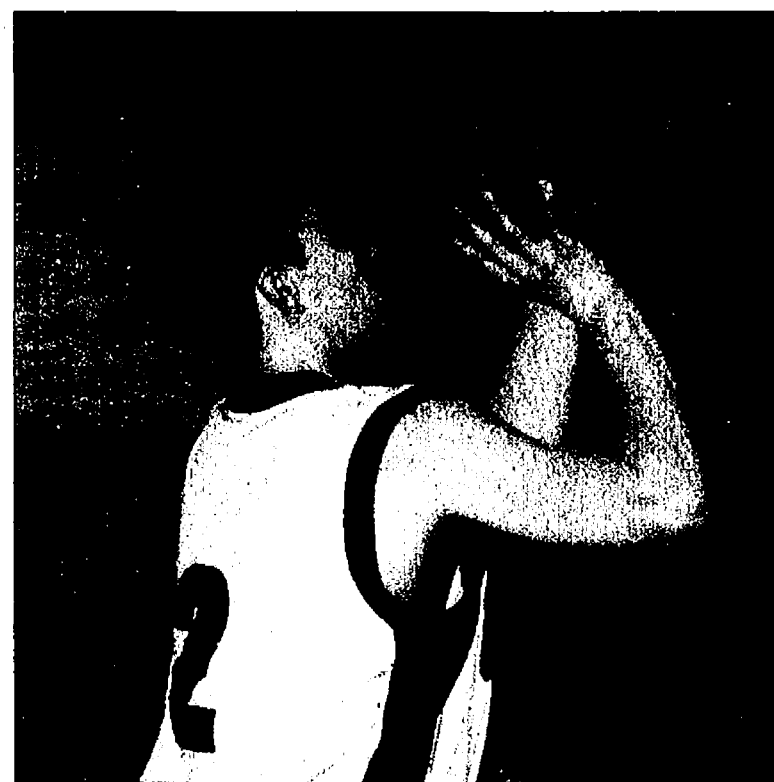
The Vikings scored 13 points in the fourth quarter with a triple by Mitchell Thompson, three baskets by Branch, a put-back by Wakeley, and two free throws from Tyler Summers.

GHS won by 32 points, 56-24.

The Vikings posted a final overall record of 18-2 and a conference record of 12-2.



Tyler Summers dribbles the ball for Grayling vs. Houghton Lake on Tuesday.



Brandon Latusek shoots the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday night.

9th graders cap 14-2 season with 65-33 win vs. Big Rapids

The GHS 9th grade boys basketball team completed a 14-2 season with a 65-33 win at Big Rapids on Tuesday night.

Grayling led 31-13 at halftime. The Vikings outscored Big Rapids 19-6 in the fourth quarter.

The Vikings had 22 steals and 15 assists and they shot 72 percent from the free-throw line (8 for 11).

Jake Hinkle had 19 points and 8 steals. Darin Nicholas had 15 points. Zane Pittman had 7 points. Gunner Metzger had 6 points, 3 assists, and 4 rebounds. Carson Burmeister had 5

points, 8 assists, and 4 steals. Tyler Wyman had 4 points. Dallas Johnson had 4 points. Mason Papendick had 3 points and Dylan Wyman had 2 points.

"Darin Nicholas gave the team a huge spark in the first quarter, scoring eight of his 15 points. In the second quarter Jake Hinkle took over, scoring 15 of his 19 points," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "Zane Pittman and Gunner Metzger had big games, with Zane scoring seven points. Gunner did a little bit of everything, not only scoring six points, but was also a

defensive spark and had three assists and four rebounds."

"This was a great way to end the season. The first time we played Big Rapids we only beat them by 11 points," Coach Kucharek said. "It has been a great year. This was a fun team to coach because they have great team chemistry and balance. In 16 games we had every player score in six games and all but one player score in six games."

The freshman team finished the year at 14-2 overall, including an 11-0 mark in league play.

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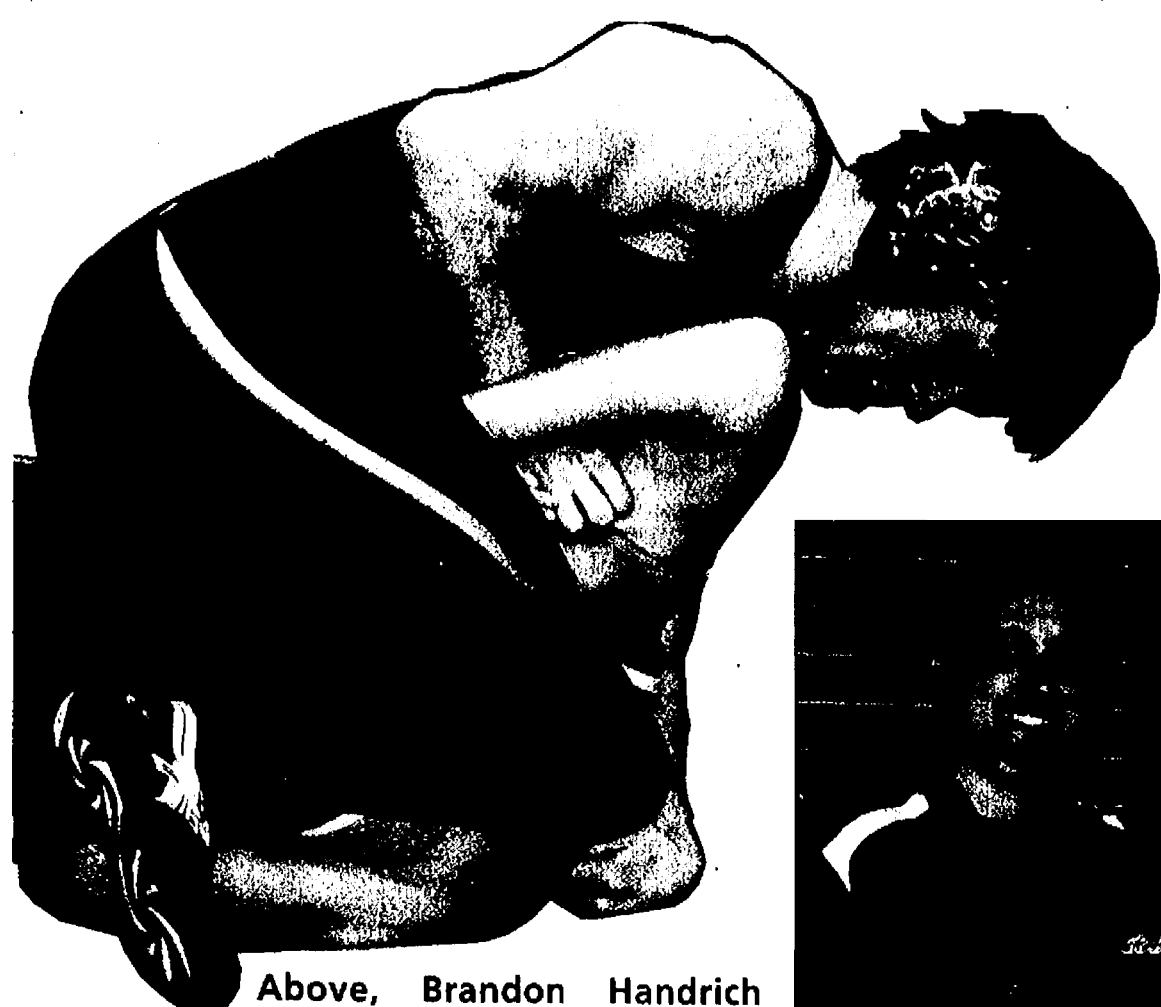
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Wrestler places 5th at state finals



Above, Brandon Handrich wrestles for Grayling during team districts. Right, Handrich with Coach Andy Moore at the state finals. He placed fifth.



One Grayling High School wrestler – Brandon Handrich, a junior – placed at the state finals last week.

Three Vikings qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Division 3 Individual Wrestling Finals: Handrich (152), Ryan Randall (215), and Jeff Myers (189). The Palace of Auburn Hills hosted the tournament on March 1-3.

Handrich wrestled in six matches at the state finals, posting a 4-2 record. He won his first match, pinning an opponent from

Grosse Ile. He lost a 6-4 decision in his next match vs. an Allendale wrestler. Handrich won a 6-1 decision vs. Midland Bullock Creek. He won an 8-3 decision vs. Whitehall in his next bout. He lost his next match 16-9 vs. Birch Run. In his last match of the state finals – the battle for fifth/sixth place – Handrich won 13-6 vs. the Allendale wrestler that beat him earlier in the tournament.

Handrich finished fifth. He posted a 45-5 record this year.

"Brandon wrestled very good against tough competition at the state finals. Most of the wrestlers he wrestled were rated in the top 10 in the state. Brandon came back with a victory in the fifth place match against the same wrestler that he lost to in the second round. Brandon was disappointed after his loss so it was good to see him bounce back and win the next three out of four matches," Coach Andy Moore said. "Brandon is only a junior and has already set his goal to become a state champion next year."

Randall, a senior, lost both of his state finals bouts by pin (vs. Buchanan, vs. Frankenmuth).

"It's too bad Ryan missed half the season with an injury. Ryan never was able to get the conditioning he needed because of the injury. He is a senior and co-captain of the team and will be missed," Coach Moore said.

Myers, a sophomore, lost by pin in his first match (vs. Flat Rock). He lost a 14-3 decision vs. Ithaca in his second bout.

"Jeff wrestled his best in the postseason this year. I am looking for a great season out of him next year," Coach Moore said.

Legal Action

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW. Notice under MCL 600.3278: Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under MCL 600.3201 et. seq., the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Northern Economic Initiatives Corporation may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. Default having occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Neeley Holdings, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, ("Debtors") to Northern Economic Initiatives Corporation ("NEIC"), dated May 29, 2009, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on June 2, 2009, in Liber 696, Page(s) 307, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$196,317.81, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Debtors to NEIC together with interest at 13.25 percent per annum. NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on April 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL "B": PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, AND PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE SOUTH (ALONG THE SECTION LINE), 1184.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 72 DEGREES 00' EAST, 56.6 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF WAKELEY BRIDGE ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 20' WEST (ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF WAKELEY BRIDGE ROAD), 115.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 07 DEGREES 20' WEST, 208.0 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF M-72; THEN NORTH 42 DEGREES 15' WEST (ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF M-72), 190.0 FEET; THENCE

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 28, 2012.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery Miller, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 27, 2006 and recorded October 6, 2006 in Liber 683, Page 549. Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eleven and 14/100 Dollars (\$65,611.14) including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 21, 2012.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 34, and South 1/2 of Lot 35, Holiday Heights Subdivision, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber I of Plats, Page 75, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: February 16, 2012 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 617.6460 (02-16)(03-08)

-16-23-1-8

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul I. Bielski, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 2004, and recorded on December 6, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 763, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PNC Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Four and 38/100 Dollars (\$69,804.38), including interest at 7.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 28, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 385 and 386, Indian Glens of the Au Sable, Unit 5, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: February 23, 2012 For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #391692F01 (02-23)(03-15)

-23-1-8-15

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Charter Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 6th, 2012 at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 12th, 2012, until 12 noon and then 1 pm until 4 pm. Board of review will also be held on Thursday, March 15th from 6-8 pm, and also Saturday, March 17th from 9 am until 12 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first come first served" basis. You can also protest by mail (via the P.O. Box above) or fax to 989-348-6713.

Class	Tentative Ratio
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	49.94
Industrial	49.68
Residential	49.63

All correspondence must be received by March 15th, 2012.

Rick Harland, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk
MBOR/pak

Legal Action

Notice

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AS TO THIS OBLIGATION, THIS COMMUNICATION IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT IN VIOLATION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR THE DISCHARGE INJUNCTION. IN SUCH CASE, PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING. OTHERWISE, FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION FROM OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AS YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICEMEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John M. Hartman and Sharon K. Hartman, husband and wife, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association sbm Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 2, 2004 and recorded July 19, 2004 in Liber 670, Page 174, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Four and 65/100 Dollars (\$54,524.65) including interest at 6.11% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 4, 2012.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence South along Township line, a distance of 100 rods to a place of beginning, thence South along Township line 8 rods, thence East at right angles to Township line 20 rods, thence North parallel to Township line 8 rods, thence West at right angles 20 rods to place of beginning, part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: March 1, 2012
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 224.6305
(03-01)(03-22)

-1-8-15-22

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 12-8678-CH
Court address 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE, GRAYLING, MI 49738
Court telephone no. 989-344-3206

Plaintiff
ANTHONY & SHIRLEY CARUSO

Plaintiff's attorney
CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
BY: ADAM T. VERNON (P71555)
2373 S I-75 BUSINESS LOOP/
PO DRAWER 665
GRAYLING, MI 49738
989-348-5232

v
Defendant
Thomas Gruich and Amelia Gruich and/or their heirs, assigns or devisees
46865 Houghton Drive
Utica, MI 48087

TO: Thomas Gruich and Amelia Gruich and/or their heirs, assigns or devisees

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to QUIET TITLE. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 03/26/2012. If you fail to do so, a default judgement maybe entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court. Date 2/21/12
Judge DENNIS F. MURPHY
P31907

-1-8-15

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 6, 2012 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 12, 2012 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 15, 2012 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

TENTATIVE

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

Weight Restriction

As of Monday, March 5, 2012 at 8:00 a.m., the Crawford County Road Commission has established seasonal weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standards, which includes load restriction of 35%.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application and enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be traveled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old 27 : County line to County line
County Road 612: Old 27 (Frederic) East to I-75
Sherman Road: North County Line to Landfill
North Down River Rd: Business Loop East to I-75 Ramps
4 Mile Road: I-75 East to Railroad Tracks

FROST LAWS RESTRICTED ROADS ARE SIGNED AND FROST LAWS ARE BEING ENFORCED.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Robin Pratt, Superintendent at (989) 348-2281 ext. 25 or (989) 348-2901 with any questions regarding restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

By: Donald A. Babcock, Managing Director
For: John Hartman, Chairman
James Burch, Vice-Chairman
Scott McClain, Commissioner

Notice City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting:
Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 4:00 PM

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions:
Wednesday, March 14, 2012 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Friday, March 16, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM

2012 tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property located within the City of Grayling are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor
1020 City Blvd.
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738
(989)348-2131

Christie Verlac, Assessor

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 12-8017-DE
Estate of WILLIAM CRAIG REDDIE. Date of birth: 10/17/1979.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, William Craig Reddie, died 02/03/2012. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michelle VanBuren, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling and the named/proposed personal rep-

resentative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date Feb. 29, 2012

Attorney
Adam T. Vernon P71555
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
PO Drawer 665

Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-5232

Personal representative
Michelle VanBuren
509 Park Street
Grayling, MI 49738
989-889-0167

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

SUMMARY OF FREDERIC TOWNSHIP Ordinance No. 2012-1

THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC ORDAINS:

Section 1. Title.

This section specifies the title of the Ordinance as the Frederic Township Parcel Division Ordinance.

Section 2. Purpose.

This section specifies the purpose of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Definitions.

This section defines the following terms: Accessible, Applicant, Convey, Development site, Divide or Division, Exempt split, Forty (40) acres or the equivalent, Land, Lot, Owner, Parcel, Parent parcel, Person, Plat or Recorded plat, Property transfer, Tract of land, Zoning Administrator, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Section 4. Approval of Land Divisions or Property Transfers Required; Establishment of Exempt Splits.

This section provides that the owner of a lot, parcel, or tract of land cannot divide or effect a property transfer (unless a specific exception applies) except as provided in the Ordinance; provides that the owner of a lot, parcel, or tract of land claiming an exempt split must provide to the Zoning Administrator a survey or other clear evidence establishing the exempt nature of the split and must provide evidence that each resulting lot, parcel, or tract of land is accessible (subject to an appeal to the ZBA); and provides an exempt split when the resulting parcels are 20 acres or more, the parcel is not accessible, and was in existence on March 31, 1997.

Section 5. Procedure for Division or Property Transfer.

This section specifies the procedures to divide a lot, parcel or tract of land or to effect a property transfer; the information that must be submitted to the Zoning Administrator with the application; the required fee that must be paid, including an "after the fact" fee when a conveyance is discovered that did not obtain the required approval before the division or property transfer was completed; the authority of the Zoning Administrator to deny an application if not all required information is provided, the requirement that the Zoning Administrator make his or her decision concerning the proposed division or property transfer within 45 days after receiving a complete application, the requirement that the Zoning Administrator document his or her decision, with any conditions, in writing, the ability following a denial by the Zoning Administrator to submit additional information to the Zoning Administrator or the right to appeal that decision to the ZBA, and a provision that states any approval shall not be considered a determination of compliance with any other township ordinance or regulation; the requirement that the Zoning Administrator send notice of any approval to specified officials; and the requirement that within ninety (90) days of the approval of a division or property transfer the applicant record in the Register of Deed's office an instrument of conveyance and file a copy with the Zoning Administrator.

Section 6. Standards for Approval of Divisions or Property Transfers.

This section specifies the standards for approval of a division or property transfer, including compliance with the state land division act; compliance with the township zoning ordinance; the requirement that the resulting lots, parcels, or tract of land have an adequate and accurate legal description; the requirement that except for the remainder of the parent parcel or parent tract of land retained by the owner, that the lots, parcels, or tract of land resulting from a division, including those greater than 10 acres, meet a depth-to-width ratio of 4:1; the requirement that any development site have adequate easements for public utilities; the requirement that any land that does not independently meet the requirements of the state land division act or the township zoning ordinance cannot be an independent development site; the requirement that the resulting lots, parcels, or tract of land be accessible; and the requirement that the owner possess the legal right to divide the parcel or tract of land.

Section 7. Land Configuration Variances.

This section specifies the procedures for obtaining a zoning variance or a variance from the depth-to-width requirement of the ordinance from the ZBA.

Section 8. Appeals to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

This section provides that a person aggrieved by a decision of the Zoning Administrator may appeal that decision to the ZBA pursuant to procedures specified in the section.

Section 9. Violations and Penalties.

This section provides that a violation of the ordinance is a municipal civil infraction and imposes a fine up to \$500.00, provides that each day the ordinance is violated is a separate violation, and permits the township to take action to abate any nuisance.

Section 10. Enforcement Officer.

This section authorizes the Zoning Administrator and other officials designated by the Township Board to issue municipal civil infraction citations to alleged violators.

Section 11. Nuisance Per Se

This section provides that a violation of the ordinance is a nuisance per se.

Section 12. Separate Court Action.

This section authorizes the township to initiate proceedings in the Circuit Court to abate or eliminate the nuisance per se or any other violation of the ordinance.

Section 13. Validity.

This section declares that the ordinance provisions are severable and can be applied separately in the event a provision is found to be invalid.

Section 14. Repeal.

This section repeals the prior parcel division ordinance, Ordinance No. 2000-4.

Section 15. Effective Date.

This section provides that the ordinance becomes effective thirty (30) days after being published in a local newspaper.

TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC
By: William Johnson, Supervisor
By: Nancy L. Bindschattel, Clerk

NOTICE: Please take note that a true copy of the ordinance can be inspected or obtained at the office of the Frederic Township Clerk.

Features

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



March 9, 1989 - The Chief Shoppenagon team repeated as Pictionary Champs at the K of C Hall on Feb. 23 beating out 23 other teams. The first place team is shown here (from left to right) Mary Harland, Tim Zigila, Anne Beckwith, Shiela Palmer and Lottie Rochette.

23 Years Ago March 9, 1989

Spellers competed for the school championship on Feb. 2 in the GMS band-room. Eighth graders Yolanda Rosi received first place and Patti Puls took second.

The Grayling High School Forensics Team opened its season at the Beaverton High School Invitational Tournament on Feb. 18, against 27 class A-D high schools from all over Michigan. Senior

James Montoya won first place in Dramatic Interpretation and senior Lori Dean won fourth place in Storytelling. The Multiple Interpretation team of freshmen Kris Albee, Kristie Lamie, Nikki Lester, Kamie Newhouse, Angie Thompson and Renee Wireman, also took fourth place. Both the Duo Interpretation team of sophomores Candy Grigsby, Andrea McLaughlin and junior Nicki Burcham in Dramatic Interpretation

qualified for Semi-finals.

The Crawford County Transit Authority (CCTA) cannot occupy the office space of their new office/garage complex because none of the four restrooms in the building meet state barrier-free code. Michigan Department of Labor Barrier Free Design Law stipulates that there must be a 4' x 4' barrier-free area in front of a toilet. Dave Frederick, CCTA Director, said that an architectural design error has caused a 4 x 6 inch arc infringement on the mandated 16 square feet by the two office restrooms' inward swinging doors.

46 Years Ago March 10, 1966

Ron Case has accepted the job of tearing down a house at the corner of Ogemaw and Chestnut Streets, formerly occupied by Mrs. Charles Wilbur.

John Budzinski is now filling the clerical position at the Camp Grayling Superintendent's office from which Richard Lovely recently retired.

The building on the south side of Cedar Street next to Gould Cleaners is being torn down. Its exact origins have not been discovered, but the present building was moved from a site next to

the Rialto Theatre in the winter of 1936 by its owners, the UHarley Russells, who had a basement put in on the lot they acquired from the Gierkes, established a beauty parlor in the building and made their home in the rear. They had purchased the property from Mrs. Nels P. (Marie) Olson, Sr. One side of it had been badly scorched in the fire which damaged the Rialto Theatre in 1930. The area it occupied was being cleared for the construction of Grayling's new Post Office.

69 Years Ago March 11, 1943

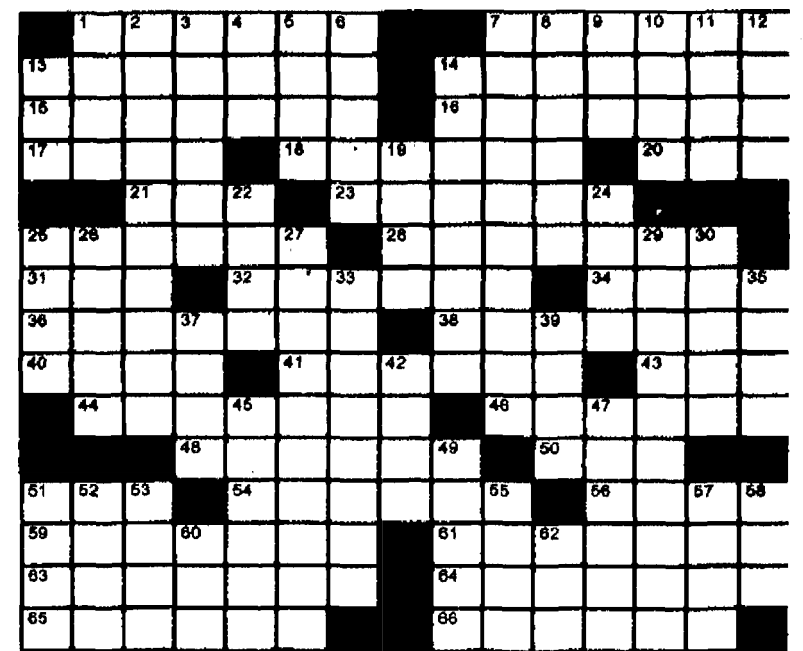
The Ration board headquarters has been changed from the rooms over the Gamble Store to the Cassidy Building, formerly occupied by Blackie's Tavern.

Dennis Lovely is visiting at his home here for a few days. He begins work Tuesday at the bomber plant at Willow Run.

92 Years Ago March 11, 1920

Photographer James Wingard has remodeled his studio and the new arrangement affords him better working facilities and more room.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Landlord
7. Fully satisfying an appetite
13. Between sunrise and sunset
14. Ancient Roman silver coins
15. Thinks
16. Hot, in Vegas (3 wds)
17. Intelligence
18. Was unwilling
20. After expenses
21. "Rocky ____"
23. One who pushes gently
25. Coup d'etat
28. Formulation of plans and important details
31. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
32. Gossip
34. ____ Mix
36. Lever operated with the foot
38. E-mail
40. Blow off steam?
41. Superficially stylish
43. Campaigner, for short
44. Prayer book
46. Sign up
48. Plagiarist
50. Newspaper div.
51. "____ Ng" (They Might Be Giants song)
54. Bivalve mollusks
56. Vermin
59. Opponent of technological progress
61. House agent
63. Removes rough surface
64. Interlace threads into a design
65. Haunt
66. Forever, poetically

Down

1. Put on board, as cargo
2. One who gives first-hand evidence
3. Balance
4. Be in session
5. Black cat, maybe
6. Gum
7. Native of W African country whose capital is Dakar
8. Wreath for the head
9. Toni Morrison's "____ Baby"
10. "Pumping ____"
11. "Blue" or "White" river
12. Covered with gold
13. Kipling's "Gunga ____"
14. Slump
19. Sail close to the wind
22. Decorated, as a cake
24. Brinks
25. Core
26. Tear open
27. Deceptive statements (2 wds)
29. Native of Naples, Italy
30. "Taras Bulba" author
33. Some legal papers
35. Healthy
37. "By yesterday!" (acronym)
39. Harmony
42. Crumbs
45. Restricts
47. ____ skates
49. Like "The X-Files"
51. "Not to mention ..."
52. Deaden
53. Bothers
55. Advanced
57. Bay
58. "____ he drove out of sight"
60. ____-eyed
62. Overwhelming wonder

HOROSCOPES

Week of March 4, 2012



CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19
The color gray will play a significant role in your life this week. Capricorn, and it won't be all bad. A treasured heirloom holds the key to a precarious situation.



ARIES
March 21-April 19
Red spells passion, and it will be all around you this week. Aries. Make the most of it by getting things done and showing that special someone how much they mean to you.



CANCER
June 22-July 22
Green never looked so good. Cancer. Find more ways to implement the three R's—reduce, reuse, recycle—and keep more green in your pocket.



LIBRA
September 23-October 22
Lucky Libra. You get back in the black and you learn how to stay there. Mealtimes around the table foster connections and provide insight into a recurring dilemma.



AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18
Think pink, Aquarius, and that stink you raised will dissipate before it does more harm than good. Shades of rose and coral pique your curiosity and get you snooping.



TAURUS
April 20-May 20
You've got the blues, but they won't last long with the arrival of a long-lost friend. Take time out to catch up and reminisce. Taurus. It will be just the boost you need.



LEO
July 23-August 22
It is not black and white, as you were led to believe, Leo. Get the facts before you make your decision. A friend requires some counseling.



SCORPIO
October 23-November 21
Shades of purple indicate a period of extravagance is about to beset your home. Don't worry, Scorpio. It won't last long enough to alter anything permanently.



PISCES
February 19-March 20
Sunny days are here again, Pisces, and yellow is the key to making quick work of every project you're given. A blast from the past makes a joyous announcement.



GEMINI
May 21-June 21
Knock-knock. Who's there? Orange. Orange who? Orange you glad your finances are starting to look up, Gemini? Keep saving, keep investing and financial freedom will be yours.



VIRGO
August 23-September 22
You've never been one to brown nose, but the superior you're about to encounter will require it. Submit, Virgo, or prepare to receive more grief than you deserve.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21
White beckons to you from every turn and can only mean one thing, Sagittarius. You need to learn to relax, starting now. Arrange for some TV time or a long bubble bath.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

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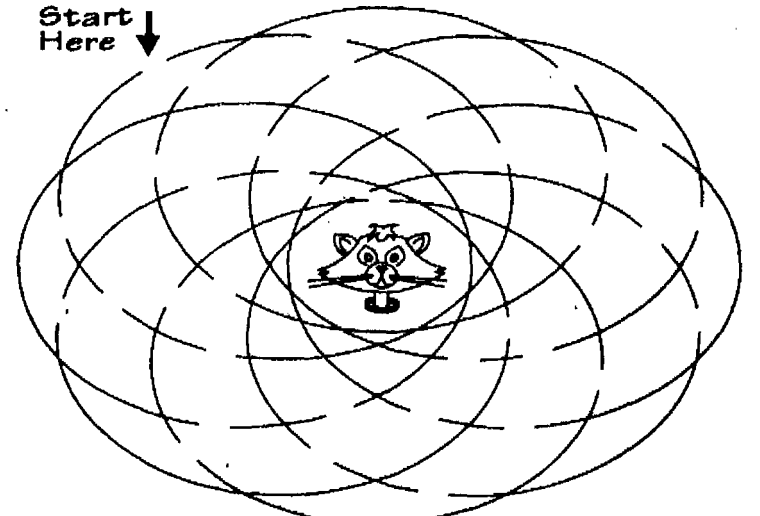
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



MAZE

Find the lost cat.
Start Here ↓



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



SHOWN BY KIDZ

Open: Everyday - 10am to 3pm
ADOPT A PET
WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.

Sugar
This week we have Sugar. She is a beautiful 9 month old orange tabby cat. This sweet girl loves to be petted and held. She is good with other cats and some dogs. Sugar has been Feline Leukemia tested negative, spayed and vaccinated. All Sugar needs is a good home.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org
AuSable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ausc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

TRIPLE-LAYER PEANUT BUTTER BROWNIES

Ingredients:

1 pkg. (19 to 21 oz.) brownie mix (13x9-inch pan size)	1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 cup cold milk	1-1/2 cups Whipped Topping (Do not thaw)
1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding	3 squares Semi-Sweet Chocolate
1 cup Creamy Peanut Butter	1/2 cup Dry Roasted Peanuts, coarsely chopped

Directions:

PREPARE and bake brownies in 13x9-inch pan as directed on package; cool. Meanwhile, beat milk and pudding mix with whisk 2 min. Add peanut butter and sugar; mix well. Refrigerate until brownies are completely cooled.

SPREAD over brownies.

MICROWAVE whipped topping and chocolate on HIGH 1 min., stirring every 30 sec. Spread over pudding; top with nuts. Refrigerate 1 hour.

SUBSTITUTE
Prepare using White Chocolate Flavor Instant Pudding.

Prep Time: 40 min
Total Time: 2 hrs 10 min
Makes: 32 servings

WEATHER
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast						
Date	H	L	Precip	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
02/27	32	7	0.10							
02/28	35	14	0.23							
02/29	33	29	0.46							
03/01	34	28	0.06							
03/02	34	30	0.65							
03/03	30	7	0							
03/04	23	-4	0							

High 37 Low 30 High 40 Low 28 High 46 Low 35 High 52 Low 34 High 51 Low 28 High 45 Low 28

Park Snow Showers Few Snow Showers Partly Cloudy Cloudy Scattered Showers AM Cloudy PM Sun

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 Classified by the word deadline - Noon Tuesday

1. Real Estate

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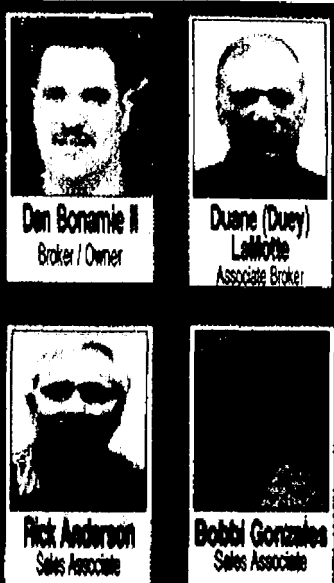
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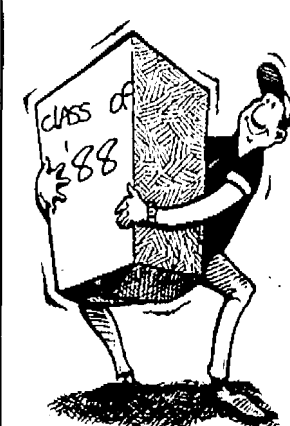
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Cierra Prosser dribbles the ball for the Vikings during Friday's game at Cheboygan.



Hailey Whittaker takes a three-point shot for Grayling vs. the Chiefs on Friday.

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Vikings fall to Cheboygan 55-46 in district title game

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings ended their varsity girls basketball season with a 55-46 loss vs. the Cheboygan Chiefs in the District 63-B tournament title game on Friday night at Cheboygan. The Chiefs maintained a slim lead throughout the second half of the contest.

Cheboygan had a four-point advantage, 11-7, at the end of the first quarter. Grayling scored its seven points with a put-back by

Josie Swander, one free throw from Maddie Benardo, a lay-up by Hannah Haven, and a put-back by Alyssa Morley.

Grayling scored the first seven points of the second period with a three-point play by Cierra Prosser and jump shots by Morley and Hailey Whittaker. The Vikings led 14-11.

The Chiefs scored nine unanswered points to lead 20-14. Morley scored on an inside shot. Cheboygan hit an inside shot and a jumper to lead by eight. Prosser cut the lead to five with a three-pointer. Morley scored, cutting it to three.

Cheboygan had a 26-22 lead at halftime.

The Vikings weren't able to gain any ground in the third period. Grayling scored 15 points in the quarter to Cheboygan's 16. Prosser had seven of the 15 points with a three-pointer and two inside shots. Sam Denno, Jamie Denton, Whittaker, and Caitlin Prosser also scored for GHS in the third quarter.

Cheboygan scored the first basket of the fourth quarter. Swander hit two free throws for the Vikings. The Chiefs scored the next two baskets to lead by nine. Caitlin Prosser scored on an inside shot. Denno converted one of two from the free-throw line. Cheboygan hit

an inside shot at the 1:52 mark to lead by eight.

Cierra Prosser made two free throws at the 1:41 mark, cutting Cheboygan's lead to six.

Grayling fouled and Cheboygan missed the resulting free throw attempt. Denno rebounded the ball. Grayling missed a shot and the Chiefs got the rebound. Cheboygan scored on an inside shot. With 44 seconds remaining, Swander hit two free throws, pulling Grayling back within six.

The Vikings fouled and Cheboygan made both free throws. Grayling missed a shot attempt and the Chiefs came down with the rebound. The Vikings fouled again and the Chiefs hit one of two from the line. Neither team scored in the final 16 seconds and Cheboygan won by nine, 55-46.

"It was a hotly contested game the entire way. For most of the game we were down five points. We wanted to pressure them the entire game and were able to get quite a few more shots against them. The other aspect we wanted to concentrate on was rebounding. We were very successful in outrebounding them, which allowed us to get quite a few second chance points," Coach Joe Powers said.

"The girls put themselves in a position to win. We

worked hard all night long against a good team playing on their own court. It is a huge advantage to play on your home court and for the second straight year Cheboygan was able to host the championship," Coach Powers said.

"The game came down to the fourth quarter as all good games should. We worked extremely hard with the full-court defensive pressure and rebounding, which allowed us to outshoot Cheboygan 19-8 in the fourth quarter. We made our own chances; however, we were only able to make one basket in the final quarter, shooting 1 for 19," Coach Powers said.

Cierra Prosser had 15 points for the Vikings. Benardo had nine rebounds.

Grayling finished the 2011-2012 season with an 8-14 overall record (3-11 league, 1-1 playoff).

"Our girls showed a tremendous amount of improvement. We were extremely young with only three girls returning with significant experience. To add to our youth, we also had two freshmen who greatly improved throughout the entire year. We're looking forward to next year because we gained a huge amount of experience," Coach Powers said.

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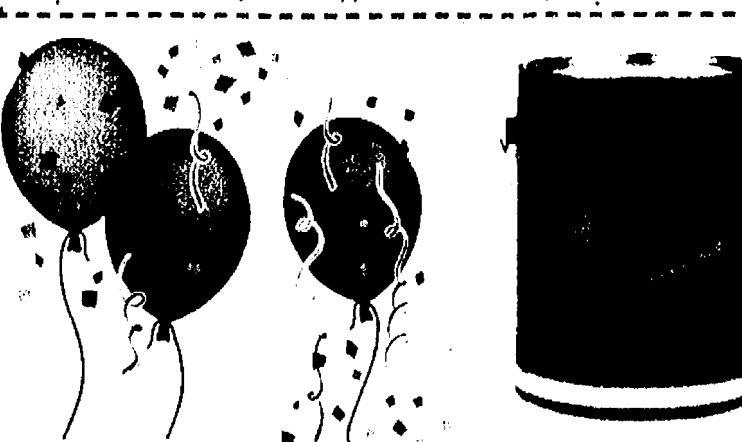
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